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SUMMARY.

Seven Unionist members have been re-elected for Birmingham constituencies.

Mr. Chamberlain was returned by a very large majority.

The return of seven Unionists on Wednesday was enthusiastically acclaimed at Birmingham.

The state of parties is:—Liberals, 165; Unionists, 73; Nationalists, 60; Labour representatives, 33.

The "Times" says that the Birmingham results, besides being a splendid triumph for Mr. Chamberlain, are an object lesson, showing that the constituency is consistent, because it possesses reasoned belief.

The new Parliament will be opened in State by the King.

The "Daily News" describes the situation as a political deluge, and remarks that the remnant of the Unionist party is being saved in Mr. Chamberlain's ark.

That journal adds that Mr. Chamberlain has wrecked his party, and has lost his cause. He was a great townsman, and Birmingham rewarded his life's services with gratitude and affection.

That city put a big personality before a great principle.

The Prime Minister says that the turnover in public opinion was unparalleled since the Reform Parliament in 1832.

The main issue of the election was freetrade and protection.

Under a policy of retaliation there would be favoured trades, causing scheming, manœuvring, intriguing, and logrolling.

M. Fallieres, President of the Senate, has been elected President of the French Republic, in succession to M. Loubet, who retires by effluxion of time.

The international conference on Moroccan affairs now sitting at Algeciras, near Gibraltar, is proceeding amicably.

The death is announced of Baron von Richthofen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Empire.

A London syndicate has secured 8000 shares in the company formed to promote the building of Werry's engine.

A company is building one of these engines capable of driving a torpedo boat, for demonstration purposes.

The barque Coimbatore, from Newcastle to Port Elizabeth, has been posted as lost.

It is believed she foundered after collision with the barque Zimita, off Cape Leeuwin.

At Rensa, East Russia, General Linovsky has been assassinated because of his harshness in suppressing disturbances.

All the members of the Council of the Workmen's Delegates at St. Petersburg have been arrested on the ground that the council is a revolutionary organisation.

The Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Lands Department will resume its sittings about the middle of February.

A deputation from the Chamber of Commerce yesterday urged upon the Minister for Customs, Sir Wm. Lyne, certain reforms in his department.

References were made to the congestion of work at Sydney, and delays in giving notice of tariff decisions and alterations.

The Minister said no specific case had been mentioned where there had been material delay. He trusted that the little difficulties could be smoothed over.

"At the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the mail steamers' subsidies, evidence was given yesterday by Mr. K. Anderson, chairman of the Orient Steamship Company, and one of the managers of the Orient-Pacific Company.

He said that in 10 years the value of the traffic carried by the N.D.L. line had trebled. To a great extent that was brought about by the Government subsidies.

The Orient-Pacific Company got a subsidy of 3s 6d per mile, and the N.D.L. 5s.

It was difficult to exactly estimate the canal dues, but if all the former company's steamers were like the Omrah, it would pay £104,000 yearly, and the N.D.L. half that amount.

The carriage of refrigerated cargo was unremunerative under present conditions.

At Perth yesterday manufacturers and employees of private iron works protested to the Minister for Works against the W. A. Government extending the day-labour system to Government works.

The Minister stated that so long as a fair price was charged he did not think private enterprises should be unnecessarily interfered with by State competition.

At the Tariff Commission's sitting at Melbourne yesterday an agricultural implement maker said that Australian workmen were more skilled than American.

The witness attributed this to the large use of machinery in America.

The Commission was informed by another witness that the modern drill which made possible the general use of chemical fertilisers had saved farming from ruin in South Australia.

Piping are to be prepared for making a plantation 15ft or 20ft wide in Martin-place, and to place trees 60ft apart.

Several bushfires have occurred this week in the Corowa district. In one crop there were five outbreaks. Boomerang woolshed has been destroyed.

A strong company is being formed in London to work the iron and other deposits in the Taranaki district, New Zealand.

William Richardson, aged 76, was burnt to death at Sandford, Tasmania. He had been smoking, and accidentally fired a small haystack.

A pastoralist in the Queanbeyan district intends spending £4000 in wire netting his property to make it rabbit proof.

At the Bong Bong Picnic races yesterday the Cup was won by Mr. D. I. Watt's Pleasure.

A new School of Arts was opened at Berry yesterday. The building cost £2100.

A man at Balranald was fined £3 and costs for cruelty to a horse.

He knocked the animal's eyes out with a gun barrel and worked it in a dray next day.

Mr. Mark Coleman, aged 70, who erected the first building in the main street at Parkes, died at that town yesterday.

The coal hulk Prospero, with 120 tons of coal in her hold, sprang a leak and sank yesterday morning in Darling Harbour.

Additional free labourers were engaged yesterday carrying grain at Darling Island.

The Sydney Labour Council last night passed a resolution congratulating the English Labour bodies on their success at the general elections.

Three nominations have been received for the position of employees' representative at the Arbitration Court.

An explosion of acetylene gas occurred at the Royal Hotel, Collarenebri. Mrs. J. Barrett, wife of the proprietor, and a Chinese cook were badly burned.

A train ran through a flock of sheep near Casterton, Victoria, on Wednesday night, and killed 150.

Five shops and three dwellings were destroyed by fire at Mildura early on Thursday.

This is the seventh fire that has occurred in the same block in three years.

There was a full supply of sheep at the Homebush saleyards yesterday, and values were without material change.

Lambs were in good supply, and while prime suitable for export sold well, young and light descriptions were cheaper towards the closing sales.

Prime bullocks were scarce. Values were firmer towards the close for them. Prices for medium bullocks, steers, cows, and heifers were lower.

On 'Change, investment stocks had good inquiry yesterday. A fair number of sales were recorded.

River shares were better supported. Prices showed a slight advance on the preceding day's rates.

The wool market was very excited yesterday. Prices may be quoted at an advance on late rates.

The R.M.S. Ortona, from London, reached Fremantle yesterday morning.

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*MONGOLIA..	10,000	C. F. Preston, ... R.N.R.	Feb. 28
*MOOLTAN...	10,000	G. C. Henning, R.N.R..	Mar. 14
*MARMORA..	10,500	E. Street	Mar. 28
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OROYA.....	6297	Jenks.....	Jan. 27	Jan. 30	Feb. 1
*ORTONA.....	8000	Fletcher.	Feb. 10	Feb. 13	Feb. 15
*OPHIR.....	6814	Kershaw.	Feb. 24	Feb. 27	Mar. 1
ORIENT.....	5452	Nicholson	Mar. 10	Mar. 13	Mar. 15
a*ORONTES..	6023	Ruthven.	Mar. 21	Mar. 27	Mar. 29

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

BOROUGH OF MOSMAN.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BORROW ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the abovenamed Borough, after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof, to BORROW the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, such sum to be repaid on the thirteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and to bear interest at the rate of four pounds per centum per annum, such interest to be paid half-yearly on the thirteenth days of August and February in each year during the currency of the loan, the first payment to be made on the thirteenth day of August next. The principal and interest to be paid at the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank, Limited, Mosman Branch.

The security for such loan to be the General and Lighting Rates and all other the Annual Revenues, actual or prospective, of the said Borough of Mosman, estimated to produce for the next five years the sum of forty-four thousand nine hundred and forty pounds two shillings and sixpence.

The amount of such loan is to be applied for the purpose of repaying an equal sum borrowed by the said Borough of Mosman, and which becomes due on the first day of February, one thousand nine hundred and six.

P. LEAHY,
Mayor.
WILLIAM F. BRAY, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Mosman,
19th January, 1906.

BOROUGH OF THE GLEBE.

ANNUAL REVISION COURT.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Open Court for the purpose of Revising the Municipal Lists for this Borough for the Municipal Year 1906-1907 will be held at the Town Hall, St. John's-road, Glebe, on MONDAY, the 22nd day of January, 1906, at 8 o'clock p.m. All persons who have claimed to be enrolled should be present to satisfy the Court that they are entitled to be placed upon the Municipal Roll.
THOMAS HOSWORTHY,
Mayor.
Town Hall, Glebe,
17th January, 1906.

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A NOTE ON THE CONTENTS.

"BURNT OUT." This is the title of the central pictorial illustration, a realistic drawing by Fred. Leist. It has already been the subject of special advertisement, and with substantial reason. It deals with the recent bush fires, and will attract wide attention. It is of especial interest to settlers.

FIGHTING THE RABBITS.—A page is devoted to Dr. Danysz's scheme for fighting rabbits. The Minister for Lands six weeks ago approved a trial being given the scheme. "Clarion," of "The Sydney Mail," visited Broughton Island, 10 miles beyond Port Stephens, and a valuable illustrated article is the result.

TEACHERS' SUMMER SCHOOL.—Two pages are devoted to illustrating the Summer School at the Hawkesbury College. "Moira" has a special article criticising the work.

FIRE AT NEWCASTLE.—The destruction by fire, in thrilling circumstances, of the barque Ilala at Newcastle is the subject of two excellent photographs (copyright).

OUR ITALIAN VISITORS.—A splendid page photograph is given of H.R.H. the Prince of Udine, the Commander and Officers of the Italian cruiser Calabria. A separate portrait of the Prince of Udine appears, being a reproduction from a photograph kindly lent by His Royal Highness. There is also a picture of the cruiser.

OTHER ILLUSTRATIONS.—University Scouts' Champion Rifle Team; The Snake Season at Toowoomba; and the following portraits: Sir Wilmot and Lady Fawkes, the Mayor and Mayoress of Hobart, Prince Louis of Battenberg, Hon. W. R. Campbell, C. A. Arvier (Q.), Sir Edward Stone (W.A.), J. G. Griffin, late Robert Alan Wallace, and late John Ferguson.

A.N.A. SERIES.—In this issue the third and last of "The Sydney Mail" series of A.N.A. Exhibits is given. It was with regret that owing to pressure of later events, certain exhibitors had to be excluded from the series.

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A glut in the fruit supply means loss to *practically everyone* concerned, with the exception of the consumers. For a week or two the public gets more than it wants for a song, and has no complaint to make. But with those dependent on the industry it spells disaster. While the glut lasts the grower is very often not recompensed for his picking and freights, the agent is harassed with more than he can place, while the retailer has to handle great quantities before he can make a day's profit. Within the past few weeks the Sydney market has been flooded with apricots, and some growers and consumers have been dashing into print and reproach to show the cause of the trouble. Unfortunately there is nothing novel about this condition. Apricots glut the market with a monotonous consistency. Within the past few years every good season has seen an over-supply both here and in Victoria. It can happen if the fruit is good, and if it is bad, as unhappily much of the local crop undeniably is, the slump in prices to a figure that scarcely pays for handling is inevitable. Apricots are specially adapted to glut. Unlike the apple and the citrus crop, they reign only for a brief season. They ripen with a burst, crowding over every window, stall, and barrow, and in a few weeks are gone. Both in New South Wales and Victoria the supply his long since overlapped the consumption in the raw state, and the only chance growers now have is that their crop should be dried or turned into jam and preserves. Then the trouble begins. Only suitable varieties and good quality will be appreciated by the jam-maker and preserver, so that for the grower of rubbish there is but one market.

In Central Cumberland, where so much of Sydney's fruit is produced, the poor result of this apricot season is regarded with a degree of equanimity that is surprising. "Yes, it is bad," growers will tell you; "but we are used to it. It's not new, you know. It's happened often before. There's always a glut when we have a big crop." Perhaps they are buoyed up by the splendid appearance of their district. The late spring and summer rains have lifted Cumberland inlong in a wonderful manner, and at present a run through Baulkham Hills, Seven Hills, Castle Hill, and Pennant Hills shows green feed in abundance, and a fine growth all round. These rains just saved the summer fruits. In the early part of last year the district had six or seven months of drought practically unbroken, and the face of the country was, in the words of a local man, "like a vast undulating dust-heap." But despite the want of rain, the apricots and peaches set capitally, and boomed along with the late falls. With the citrus crop the season was more harsh, and a light yield is anticipated, while some growers believe that the trees will not recover for a good return even next season. Plums, too, are scarce, and prices good. But despite the generally adverse results the old locality appears very little concerned. They do not deny that the outlook might be better, and that it is capable of improvement, but they appear far too easy-going and contented to let the matter trouble them. Several growers whom I met this week were hopelessly divided as to the cause of the glut, and as to how it might have been obviated. It was pointed out that the trouble was accentuated by the lateness of the season. Apricots did not begin to colour until about three weeks after their usual date, and this shortened their monopoly of the market. It is well known that the apricot goes down in public esteem as soon as the peach arrives. Apparently this year the peaches were not so much delayed as their golden friends, for they were strong in the market when the apricots wanted a clear field. Thus the apricot men suffered. Another reason, and one often advanced, is that the holidays operate against the soft fruits. Markets are delayed and disorganised, and carriage interrupted, and the waste in consequence is very heavy.

But the fact that cannot be blinked at is that the quality of apricots that come into Sydney from Central Cumberland is not what it should be. Many of the growers frankly admit this. They tell you that for good stuff the returns were good, while the bad was scarcely worth marketing. Most of the fruit was on the small side, and wanting in uniformity of variety, and a lot of it was more or less spotted. Doubtless rigorous thinning would have done much for its size, but many of the growers seemed adverse to the process. One declared that he had taken off half of the crop, but that then he had left twice as much on as he should have done. Others pleaded that with so much uncertainly from hailstorms and other natural visitations thinning appears suicidal. So the trees were allowed to struggle along with twice the burden they were able to properly mature. Some growers put the blame for poor returns on the agents, others rail about the jam makers. Unkind things are said about agents' methods. Many of them are declared to be dealers instead of commission agents, and growers complain that they are in the hands of these middlemen, and compelled to accept prices in accordance with what the agent believes a fair thing. It is asserted that such a thing as a recognised commission on sales is not generally practised, but that the agent in a sense buys wholesale, sells retail, and pockets the difference. Some growers are almost equally severe on the jam factories showing preference to Victorian fruit. When they are reminded about the difference in quality, they make unbrotherly remarks about pumpkins. Here and there one meets a grower who talks about up-to-date methods, about the uprooting of old orchards, and the planting of approved kinds of trees, about uniform and compulsory suppression of pests, and about all that might be accomplished by sound co-operation. But such men are unfortunately scattered.

Agents are fairly unanimous on the question of the fruit supplied from most of the New South Wales districts. They complain of the lack of quality, and the proper varieties. "The growers have only themselves to blame," declared a well-known agent for local and interstate fruit. "New South Wales fruit is rotten. Our growers supply about 70 per cent. of the trade, and about 50 per cent. of it is short of the mark. It seems to me that the Cumberland growers are too far north for best summer fruit, and too far south for the best citrus. That is my experience. Better apricots come from Victoria, better citrus from Queensland. Take apricots. Local growers complain of the prices. They talk of the glut; and blame us and the jam makers. There is no glut for good fruit, no glut for sound stuff that has size. But there is and always will be a glut in apricots which are small and spotted, which lack the jelly desired by the jam makers; and which go stringy and mashy when boiled. The local jam makers have paid a good price for all the decent local stuff, and had paid more for good fruit from Victoria. But they must have certain varieties and a standard of quality, and our growers don't supply them. Our orchards appear to be filled with mixed sorts, to want more thinning and cultivation. Then local fruit is diseased. We are afraid of it. If I want a line for export I am afraid to touch it. There should be a uniform Federal law against pests." Other agents are not so vigorous, but most of them complain of the deficiencies here pointed out. An occasional agent stands up for the growers, and has a tilt at the jam makers. "The jam makers," said one, "have a set against local fruit. They send to Victoria, and pay higher prices for stuff they could obtain here. Why? I can't say why; but they do."

The jam manufacturers state their case very simply. Do you think, they ask, that we send to Victoria and Tasmania for fun? They say that the most of the local apricot crop was not good enough for jam and canning. And so they sent away for supplies. They declare, too, that they have had to pay good prices for good stuff—prices that would return a fair profit to growers. There the matter stands. Apricots are perhaps in the greatest demand for jam. Local growers had a big crop of them. The greater part of it realised poor prices. A lot of it—some say as much as 30 per cent.—was wasted. The agents declare there was a good market for good fruit. The jam manufacturers say their only reason for importing fruit was that they could not get what was wanted locally.

ITEMS.

The figures which appeared in our London produce letter a couple of days ago revealed the strikingly good butter results achieved by New South Wales in the latter part of last year. The contrasts with the other States were peculiar, and showed that the good fortune of our dairymen was isolated. Between July 1 and December exports to Great Britain from this State are stated at 58,223cwt, against 36,688cwt for the same period in the previous year—a very considerable gain. Queensland and Victoria might have been expected to show something like the same results. But the reverse happened. In Queensland the export for the same months shrank from 24,139cwt to 21,148 cwt, while Victoria fell from 57,609cwt to 45,508cwt. Probably the Southern State's big drop was due to the abnormally cold spring.

New Zealanders have a troublesome little enemy in the weasel. Its cheek is very pronounced. Recently a farmer in the Nelson district had a couple of sheep-dog puppies which were being weaned. A weasel appeared, and snapping one of the pups by the neck began to drag it away. The farmer's wife effected a rescue, but even then the weasel was not vanquished, but followed her to the house, and continued aggressive until it was "laid out" with a broom-handle. Another recent story relates that a bushmen was asleep in a tent, when he awoke in great pain to find a weasel at his throat and blood gushing freely.

The Americans argue that machinery left in the open suffers more from exposure than it does from actual wear and tear at work. The good old days when ploughs were left in the corner closest to their last "finish," when harrows were utilised as effective "gates," and when drays and waggons were lucky if they had the shade of a pine or gum, are passing away. Doubtless it was a barbarous system, but it was remarkable how well things used to last, despite such treatment. In the United States farmers are warned that "there are always shiftless characters in a neighbourhood, and they seldom hesitate to appropriate any loose article belonging to these neglected machines, and it is only natural that they should neglect to return these things." Fortunately this warning does not apply in many Australian farming districts. Petty theft in the country here is, as a rule, very rare. A locked house is the exception, and the loose care of valuable harness and other material says much for the honesty of the moving population.

The harvesting of peas is moving quickly towards improved methods. The days of cutting with a dull scythe or a wide Dutch hoe largely gave place to the revolving horse rake. But the rake has never been popular, because of the dirt and rubbish it collected, adding rubbles to the sample and dust to the straw. To-day there is a machine in use which lifts the vines from the ground, cuts them, and places them in heaps or wind rows. Flails are also following the scythe to the lumber-room, and in a few years this implement, so simple in the hands of the experienced, but so fraught with disaster to the head of the new chum, will be almost forgotten. Some men now use a special pea-threshing machine, but the removal of most of the teeth of the concave enables many farmers to put their crop through the ordinary thresher.

Everyone who wishes well of his country talks now of trade with the East. People conjure up China's millions, and think of all the Australian butter and beef they might consume if they would only drop their vegetarian propensities. Doubtless force of circumstances has made the Asiatics vegetarians. The population of India, China, and Japan is out of all proportion to the number of edible animals in those countries. If the Chinese took to meat at the same ratio as the Americans, they would have to kill 100,000,000,000lb of it in a year to keep up the supply. The United States consumes only 14,600,000,000lb. China, if she fed on the same basis, would require a stock of edible animals greater than exists in the world at the present time. On the face of it it would appear desirable for Australia that the Chinese should become beef-eaters, and imaginative people might see something promising in the initiation of a society to inculcate beef-eating desires into the great yellow people.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

The following statement shows the area of land selected under the Crown Lands Acts from January 1st to January 17th, 1906:—

	Acres.
Homestead selections	3,829
Settlement leases	16,683
Conditional purchases	20,017
Conditional leases	28,271
Total	68,800

The period includes two land office days, and the applications for original holdings represent 21 new settlers. In addition to the areas made available prior to January 1, 1906, an area of 44,722 acres was specially set apart during the above period.

BUSH FIRES PREVENTION.

"Settler," Wellington, writes:—As safe, effective, and prepared rabbit poisons can be purchased almost as cheaply as the raw phosphorus, I would suggest that the indiscriminate sale of the latter should be abolished. No doubt many of the late disastrous fires have been caused by using the raw material for rabbit poisoning, and there is also too much reason to fear that miscreants are deliberately using it to burn and destroy. Raw phosphorus can be so manipulated that it will not fire until the scoundrel who dropped it has time to get hundreds of miles from the scene of his villainy. It is therefore a terrible weapon in the hands of the vagabonds that wander in large numbers over this afflicted State.

Mr. Edward Stack, of Willoughby, writes:—A day or two ago I purchased a box of wax matches. The box was not the ordinary round paper one, but was almost square. The matches were 1¾ inch in length, and about twice the thickness of the ordinary wax match. Indeed, they are more like small wax vestas. On using one of these matches I was led to think what a danger these would be if they were used in the country by smokers and others, and carelessly or thoughtlessly thrown down. I lit one of the matches and placed it on the ground. I timed it with my watch, and it remained alight for 2¾ minutes. The sale of such matches should be prohibited, at least in the country towns. Some may think this a very paltry matter to write about, but I consider it one fraught with the greatest danger in our isolated country districts.

WIRE NETTING FOR RABBITS.

Mr. C. U. T. Burke, of Lyndhurst, writes:—Parliament voted a paltry £50,000 towards supplying farmers and others with wire netting on the time-payment system. Anyone who knows the requirements of each district will agree with me when I say this amount is just about sufficient for one district. No less a sum than £3,000,000 is required to help us cope with the rabbits by means of wire netting. The Government appear to shut their eyes to the fact that this would be the safest and most revenue-producing investment ever made by any Government in the world. As a protest against the Government allowing Crown lands to be a breeding ground for rabbits, the pastures boards should resign in a body and refuse to carry out an Act which the Governments have totally ignored. This season has seen the vast destruction of wheat-growing areas which should have been saved, and which would have added greatly to the revenue were it not for the niggardly meanness and ignorance of our present and past Governments in trying to assist us against the rabbit pest. If the Government will not further assist with netting, would it not pay a syndicate of capitalists to advance netting to settlers on the same terms the Government offer? I do not think they could make a better investment.

LAND FOR OUR OWN PEOPLE.

W.H.K. writes:—Reading your article recently upon the insufficiency of suitable land for agriculture for our own people, I asked myself, "Why State experimental farms and agricultural colleges?" To educate our youths in agricultural pursuits when we have no land available to settle them upon appears to me preposterous. That the knowledge of agricultural pursuits gained by these students should be lost to the State and taken elsewhere where there is land, after we have borne the expense of the instruction, appears to me an unsound and unbusinesslike undertaking. Power should be given to the Minister for Lands to apportion a certain acreage, to be given to these students for a term of years free of purchase, etc., conditionally upon them cultivating, with the right of purchase at the original unimproved value at the end of the term.

WELL-BRED JERSEYS.

On Saturday last the steamer Kanowna landed in Sydney two Jersey cows and one bull, bought by Mr. C. R. G. Macdonald, of Ingleburn, from Mr. A. J. Murray, of South Australia. One of the cows, Maitland Meg, took first prize and champion at the last Royal Show in Adelaide. She is by Defender (imp.), champion at Adelaide, from Maitland Charlotte (imp.), three times champion at Adelaide. The other cow is three years old, and took first prize at the Royal Show, Adelaide. She is by Columbus (imp.), champion at Adelaide, from Maitland Valentine. The bull is by Cherry's Pride (imp.), champion at Sydney and Melbourne, and runs back to the imported cow Lady Grey.

THE HARVEST.

COROWA.—From all accounts the wheat yield in the district will not be up to expectations. Away from the river little rain has fallen since winter, and although most of the crops are luxuriant in growth, the heads have not filled well, and the returns will be very light. Advices from Coreen district state the yield will average about 2½ bags per acre.

JUNEE.—The wheat crop is turning out better than was expected. The average is likely to be four bags. Many crops are stripping six bags.

DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

ALSTONVILLE.—The Alstonville Refrigerating Co-operative Company manufactured 54½ tons of butter last month, paying suppliers 10d.

MORUYA.—The Moruya factory treated 29,311 gallons of milk for November, equal to 28,790 standard gallons. Suppliers' cheques amounted to £472 16s 8d, being at the rate of 4d per gallon.

TOWERS ESTATE.

The Nepean Towers Estate at Douglas Park will be offered for sale to-morrow afternoon, by Messrs. Arthur Rickard and Co., Ltd., in conjunction with Messrs. Hardie and Gorman, Ltd. The estate has an area of over 3000 acres, and will be offered in farm blocks of convenient size. It is bounded by the Nepean and Cataract Rivers, and intersected by several small creeks, and is situated one mile from the Douglas Park railway station, and extends along the main Wollongong-road for about 5 miles. The train leaves Redfern at 8 a.m., for Douglas Park, and returns after the sale.

TASMANIAN SHROPSHIRE SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

This association has voted 10 gns. each to the New South Wales Sheep Breeders' Association and the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales towards the prize funds for their shows.

THE RABBIT PEST.

QUEANBEYAN.—Rabbit poisoning is being carried out systematically, but opinions are expressed by landowners that it is almost useless to attempt to keep down the pest. Continuous trapping has done more good than any other means in this district. The dry weather is forcing the rodents into the town, where they do much mischief in gardens. Many landowners are wire-netting their properties. Mr. W. F. Rutledge, Gidleigh, intends expending £4000 this year in wire-netting his property to make it rabbitproof.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

CUNDLETOWN.—It is reported locally that the Gloucester Estate Syndicate has purchased the Cundle Estate, and that it will shortly be surveyed in small areas and sold. It comprises about 15,000 acres, much of it being good for agricultural and dairying purposes. The subdivision of this estate has been advocated for many years. The district looks splendid since the recent rains. Grass is abundant, and there are excellent prospects for good crops.

LIVERPOOL.—The local council has granted 42 applications for registration as dairymen. The application was refused, owing to the proprietor having failed to carry out certain improvements, in accordance with instructions from the council's inspector. The prospects of the dairying industry look bright, as the fodder crops are growing well. There is every indication of an abundance of grass during the summer months, although scarcity of water for stock prevails in some parts of the district.

SINGLETON.—The majority of the corn crops are blighted by the excessive heat and want of moisture. The district around Howes Valley looks splendid, having been well favoured with rains. Some thousands of dairy cattle from this district are being milked there. Many who transferred their dairies months ago to Quirindi and other northern centres have been compelled to remove further on.

THE SUGAR SEASON.

INSUFFICIENCY OF LABOUR.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Mr. Denham, Minister for Agriculture, says he sees great danger from insufficiency of labour for cane harvesting. At present, particularly in the Cairns district, he could not see where labour was coming from unless from Europe under the amended Immigration Act. He considered it desirable that men should settle in the north, so that the industry would not be dependent for labour on a nomadic population, and he was endeavouring to find out whether land was available in the north upon which married men could settle on small areas on which they could grow tropical products, and be able to leave the holdings to the care of their families during their employment sugar harvesting.

ALBION PARK SHOW.

ALBION PARK, Thursday.

The Albion Park A., H., and I. Society was favoured with glorious weather for the second day of the annual exhibition, and the attendance was a record. In the hunting contest, for hunters carrying 11st, over 4ft fences, Mr. Morton's trio, Desmond, Demos, and Ormond, were the only contestants. Some excellent jumping was witnessed. A large number of entries was received for the military hunt, over 4ft 6in brush hurdles, open to members of the Illawarra squadron of the First Australian Light Horse. Corporal R. C. Johnson won the first prize, Trooper Hitchcock the second.

At the official luncheon Mr. L. R. Mood, president of the society, presided. Mr. F. P. Dowdell proposed the "Federal Parliament." Mr. Fuller M.P., in reply, said much of the irritation that had been experienced by New South Wales was largely due to the men at the helm of affairs.

Awards:—

16st hack: H. D. Morton, 1; C. M'Glinchey, 2. Light buggy gelding or mare: O'Gorman Bros., 1; C. M'Glinchey, 2. Pair harness: T. Condon, 1; H. G. Fraser, 2. Pair buggy geldings or mares: F.F. and I. Company, 1; P. Stewart, 2. Fastest trotter, saddle: J. Walker, 1; H. Charlton, 2. All-round horse or mare: O'Gorman Bros., 1; C. M'Glinchey, 2. Gent.'s hack, mare or gelding: H. D. Morton, 1; O'Gorman Bros., 2. Pony, 13 hands and under: F. Knight, 1; C. Clarke, 2. Pony, 13 hands and under: W. C. Dunster, 1; H. G. Fraser, 2. Lady's hack, mare or gelding: H. D. Morton (Mrs. Elliott rider), 1; A. Grey (Miss Grey), 2. Bulky horse, not exceeding 15 hands: O'Gorman Bros., 1; G. Couch, 2. Army remount: R. C. Johnson, 1; R. Couch, 2. Lady rider: Mrs. Elliott, 1; Mrs. Tory and Miss Jones, 2; Miss Grey and Miss Torrens, 3. Fastest trotter in harness: J. Walker (Kangaroo Valley), 1. Maiden hunter over brush hurdles: J. H. Warby, 1; W. Jones, 2. Boy rider, 14 years: Kelso Couch, 1; Selby Clark, 2; W. Buchanan, 3. Boy rider, 10 years: C. Clarke, 1; C. M'Glinchey, 2; S. Hitch pump: H. D. Morton's Ormond, Morton's Desmond, 5ft 8in. 1; H. D. Morton's Ormond, 2. Gent.'s hunting contest: Desmond, 1; Demos, 2; Ormond, 3. Girl rider, under 15 years: Katie O'Gorman, 1; M. Elliott, 2. Gent.'s hackney, never won a prize: G. L. Fuller, 1; H. D. Morton, 2. Family buggy horse: J. Walker, 1; H. C. Johnson, 2. Agricultural produce: A. Sawtell, 1; Faulks Bros., 2. Cape barley: G. Dare, 1; W. A. Dennis, 2. Algerian oats: A. Sawtell, 1; G. Dare, 2. Maize: R. C. Johnson, 1; J. Walker, 2.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

COLLARENDABRI.—Large numbers of sheep are being shifted from this district in consequence of the scarcity of water. Four thousand wethers are leaving Collymongle for New England, G. McLean, owner, W. Clark, in charge; 2773 mixed sheep from Bairnkine to Yetman, Grant and Sherriff, owners; 2700 mixed sheep, Walma, Allen Brook, Moore Feathers, owners; 3878 ewes, Bairnkine to Goondiwindi, Grant and Sherriff, owners, J. Stewart, in charge.

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A fine full page group photograph of H.R.H. the Prince of Udine and the Commander and Officers of the Italian Cruiser Calabria is in this week's "Sydney Mail," and a good picture of the cruiser is also given.—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The St. Blaize gelding Cyclone has had his name changed to Cardeon.

The following race meetings have been registered by the A.J.C.:—Eaunbalong, February 1; Uliadulla, February 23; Matong, March 7.

A special general meeting of members of the Australian Jockey Club was held yesterday afternoon to consider certain proposed alterations and additions to the rules for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the new Liquor Act. The Hon. R. Jones presided over a small attendance, the business being purely formal. Mr. E. A. Smith, for the committee, moved that the following be new rules of the club:—2a. The names and addresses of persons proposed as ordinary members of the club shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the club premises for one week before their election, and an interval of two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of ordinary members. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be admitted a member of the club. 42. Correct accounts and books shall be kept by the secretary, showing the financial affairs of the club, and the particulars usually shown in books of account of a like nature. 43. A visitor shall not be supplied with liquor in the club premises unless on invitation and in company of a member. No liquors shall be sold or supplied to any person under the age of twenty-one years. The Hon. George Lee seconded the motions, and they were passed without discussion.

The trotting gelding Hero and the racing gelding London, by Seneschal—Satinbird, arrived by steamer yesterday from Bega. The former will probably be seen out at the New South Wales Trotting Club's next meeting. London, who won the Two-year-old Stakes and Nursery Handicap at the recent annual meeting of the Bega District Jockey Club, is engaged in the nursery handicaps at the A.J.C. Anniversary meeting.

The weekly pony and galloway meeting will be held at Epping to-day. Balmain, Forest Lodge, and Drummoyne trams, as well as a special service, will convey visitors to the course.

The meeting to be held at Kensington on Wednesday next must be entered for before 5 p.m. to-day.

Entries for Monday's pony and galloway races at Rosebery Park close to-day.

Mr. J. Moriarty, president of the N.S.W. Trotting Club, is a candidate for a seat on the council of the Royal Agricultural Society. Mr. Moriarty has been an energetic and enthusiastic worker in the interest of the sport of trotting, and has also taken a great interest in the improvement of the breed of the utility horse.

There will be no ladies' complimentary tickets issued for the Moorefield meeting to-morrow. Ladies attending will be charged for admission, and the proceeds subsequently handed over to the St. George Cottage Hospital.

Entries for the Camden J.C. meeting, on the 24th inst, close to-day.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

The work at Randwick was all done on the tan track yesterday morning, the grass being closed. Earnshaw was out early with Gay Girl, Heiro, Lest we Forget, and Picturesque, all of whom only went at a nice strong pace, but Birdie, carrying a light boy, ran a mile and a furlong in 2m 8s. Cakewalk was on the easy list, and only ran a nice steady round. Mutation was not extended to travel a mile in 1m 52s, and Clonsilla cast six furlongs behind in 1m 21s, but was all out. Steel Trust and Algue ran seven furlongs in 1m 35s, going nicely, and Mr. Boffin spurted half a mile in 49⅘s, as did First Foot. Budrah ran seven furlongs in 1m 37⅘s, and Talofa went freely over a furlong less. Scot Free and Royerofi went at three-parts pace for six furlongs, and Handsome accounted for a like journey in 1m 21⅘s. Condor and Duke of Melton were not extended over six furlongs, while Ithona put in a steady mile. Propeller and Beauty negotiated six furlongs together in 1m 22⅘, a distance Mutable ran in a second less. Vanadium and Lifebelt put a mile and a furlong to their credit in 2m 5⅘s, and Kaffirpan was accompanied by Quibble over six furlongs, which the pair ran in 1m 21s. Obverse covered five furlongs in 1m 7s, and a steady round was put in by Lord Fitzroy. Halifah and Hadrian ran seven furlongs together in 1m 24⅘s, and Pahboda beat British King and Blackler in a run from the six furlongs post in 1m 20⅗s. Belfry beat Simmerdale by several lengths over a mile in 1m 51s, and Dantzic was going better than Roosevelt when six furlongs had been run in 1m 24s. Jet, carrying a light weight, and assisted by a companion over the first six furlongs, travelled a mile in 1m 49⅘s. A useful round was put in by Zythos, while Sir Leonard ran half a mile in 53s. Metaphor spurted five furlongs with a mate in 1m 6⅘s, and Gowrie ran the last seven furlongs of a strong round in 1m 22s. Bombshell travelled a mile in 1m 54s, and Little Toy spurted four furlongs. Corsaire ran six furlongs in 1m 22⅘s, and useful tasks were put in by Cryde, Sagamore, Turquoise, Lady Wallace, and several others.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Padlock mare Silverlock started in two events at Ascot yesterday, but exhibited very poor form. The stewards questioned the rider after the first race the mare ran in as to why she dropped to the rear immediately after the start, and suggested to see the saddle. This was defectively constructed, and was condemned. In her second race Silverlock overreached herself, and pulled up lame.

Senator and Brilliance have been struck out of the Hurdle Race, and Postulate out of the Tooroonga Handicap, in connection with the V.A.T.C. January Meeting on Saturday.

A match took place at Mentone to day between Mostynia and Vignette for £20 a side, over six furlongs, Mostynia carrying 9st, and Vignette 7st 5lb. Mostynia, ridden by N. D. Godby, was a strong favourite, but failed in the run home, and was beaten by half a length. Vignette was ridden by F. Bullock.

Troytown was killed at Kilmore races yesterday. He was running in the Kilmore Turf Club Handicap, and was seen to stagger when leading into the straight. He finished second, and collapsed. It was then found that one of his front legs had been broken, and he was shot by his owner. He was held on lease at the time of his death by J. Fielder.

The report that Castanos had been killed, as the result of an accident in the steeplechase at Terang on New Year's Day, turns out to be unfounded. Castanos is gradually recovering from his injuries.

Mr. J. C. Williamson was so disgusted with Carronade's running at Geelong that he allowed F. Cubitt, his trainer, to sell the gelding to R. Greene for £5.

The price paid for F.J.A., who was sold to go to India, was 750 guineas.

BONG BONG PICNIC RACE CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

PLEASURE WINS THE CUP.

MOSS VALE, Thursday.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Bong Bong Picnic Race Club commenced to-day. The weather was perfect, and the attendance about 1000. The Bong Bong Cup was won easily by Pleasure, but the best contested race was the Ladies' Bracelet, Results:—

Trial Stakes, 1jm.—Mr. W. E. White's ch m Trimmer, by Bucnaif—Margreton, 4yrs., 10st 11lb (Mr. W. E. White), 1; Dr. Ewan Fraser's br m Prank, 4yrs., 10st 11lb (Mr. C. Stephen), 2. Only two started. Betting: 2 to 1 on Mortimer, 3 to 1 v Prank. Mortimer led all the way, and won easily by three lengths. Time, 2m 4s.

Hack Race, 1m.—Mr. O. T. Osborne's ch g Argoon, by Argonaut—Louise, 4yrs., 10st 11lb (Mr. W. E. Manning), 1; Mr. F. A. Blomfield's b g Stole, aged, 12st 12lb (Mr. F. A. Blomfield), 2. Other starters: Damsel, 10st 10lb; Boodle, 10st 11lb. Betting: 5 to 4 on Argoon, 6 to 4 v Stole, 4 to 1 v Damsel, 5 to 1 v Boodle. Won easily by a length and a half. Time, 1m 50⅘s.

Bong Bong Cup, 1½m.—Mr. D. I. Watts's b g Pleasure, by Eureka—Clarendon mare, aged, 11st 11lb (Mr. W. E. Manning), 1; Messrs. H. E. A. and V. White's b g Colorado, 4yrs., 11st 11lb (Mr. W. E. White), 2; Dr. Ewan Fraser's b g Son and Heir, 4yrs., 10st 11lb (Mr. C. Stephen), 3. Betting: 4 to 1 on Pleasure, 5 to 2 v Colorado, 10 to 1 v Son and Heir. Son and Heir led for the first four furlongs, then Pleasure took command, and won easily by five lengths.

Wingecarribee Plate, club w.f.a., 1m.—Mr. M. Pollitka's ch g Alteration, by Buenaif—Anoctia, 4 yrs., 10st 13lb (Mr. E. Blomfield), 1; Mr. H. Hope Osborne's ch g Amphion, 3 yrs, 10st 11lb (M. W. E. Manning), 2; Mr. Harry Smith's ch m Ruby Glitters, 6 yrs, 10st 13lb (Mr. F. A. Badgery), 3. Betting: 2 to 1 on Alteration, 4 to 1 v Ruby Glitters, 4 to 1 v Amphion. Alteration got a bad start, but came up to the leaders a couple of furlongs from home, and won easily by a length and a half. Time, 1m 47⅘s.

Grassfed Race, 6f.—Mr. V. G. Maddox's ch g Shamrock, by Donnybrook—Magnet, aged, 10st 7lb (Mr. W. E. White), 1; Mr. F. A. Blomfield's blk g Gobolion, aged, 10st 7lb (owner), 2. Betting: 10 to 1 on Shamrock, 5 to 1 v Gobolion. Won easily by 20 lengths. Time, 1m 20⅘s.

Ladies' Bracelet Handicap, 1m and a distance.—Mr. M. Pollitka's br m Kiddy, by Grafton—Liberty, 4 yrs (Mr. E. Blomfield), 1; M. D. I. Watts' br m Forelock, 2 yrs (Mr. W. E. Manning), 2; Messrs. H. E. A. and V. White's b g Colorado, 5 yrs (Mr. W. E. White), 3. Other starters: Steam, Son and Heir. Betting: Even money on Forelock, 6 to 4 v Kiddy, 4 to 1 v Colorado,. Won easily by a length. Time, 2m 24s.

BINGARA R. C. MEETING.

BINGARA, Thursday.

Following are the results of the Bingara Racing Club's meeting:—

Keera Handicap.—Mr. Kinrom's Mascall, 1; Mr. Rickett's Bourbread, 2.

Gwydir Handicap.—Mr. Rickett's Tasman, 1; Mr. Daly's Pardon, 2.

Bingara Racing Club Handicap.—Mascall, 1; E. K. W., 2; Metal Boy, 3.

Bangheet Handicap.—Mr. Thurston's Vesper, 1; Mr. Dixon's Quiver, 2.

Members' Handicap.—Mr. J. White's Dick, 1; Mr. Munro's Catrin, 2.

Forced Handicap.—Metal Boy, 1; Bourbread, 2.

EPPING RACES.

Subjoined are the weights for to-day's pony and galloway meeting, at Epping:—

Novice Handicap, 5½f.—Pretty Holly, 9st 5lb; Chrystette, 9st 3lb; The Ace, 9st 2lb; Pretender, 9st 11½; Sandy, 8st 11½; Miss Alma, 8st 11½; The Bloke, 8st 8½; Reliance, 8st 8½; Iolene, 8st 8½; Crissie, 8st 2½; Feenagh, 8st 2½; Chance, 8st 2½; Wayo, 8st 2½; Chatelon, 8st 2½.

Thirteen-three Handicap, 4f.—Sceptre, 9st 12½; Honeysuckle, 8st 10½; Winifred, 8st 9½; Indian, 8st 4½; Beauty, 8st 4½; Ehlana, 7st 10½; Mimbre, 7st 5½; Estelle, 7st 2½; Nellie Saul, 7st 2½; Lady Bess, 7st; Kallenite, 7st.

Fourteen Handicap, 4f.—Mab, 10st; Silver Rose, 9st 5½; Maud, 8st 10½; Tamar, 8st 8½; St. John, 8st 2½; Bay Nell, 8st; Gold Boy, 7st 8½; Merrie Minnie, 7st 8½; F.J.A., 7st.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 5½f.—Kola, 10st 11½; Report, 9st 11½; Jimmy R., 8st 10½; Wide Awake, 8st 8½; Buttercup, 8st 1lb; Ayr Lassie, 8st 1lb; Dougal, 7st 13½; Loongana, 7st 11½.

Epping Handicap, 6f.—Morok, 9st 5lb; Lochie, 8st 9½; Clinker, 8st 9½; Water Witch, 7st 13½; Royd, 7st 11½; The Martin, 7st 8½; Farrco, 7st 5½; Mervella, 7st; Field Glass, 7st; Uralla, 7st.

WALLSEND J. C. MEETING.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Following are the weights for the Wallsend Jockey Club races, which take place on the 24th inst:—

Shorts Handicap, 6f.—Isisford, 9st 5lb; Harvest Lad, 9st; Nickel, 9st; Repentant, 8st 10½; Earnfield, 8st 10½; Chronograph, 8st 10½; The Shock, 8st 10½; Boy Joe, 8st 3½; Pueaka, 8st 3½; Mary F., 8st 3½; Miss Rosebery, 8st; Valinast, 8st; Miss Laura, 7st 7½; Athalene, 7st 7½; Neruda, 7st; Chimer, 6st 7½; Encroacher, 6st 7½.

Flying Welter Handicap, 7f.—Bulli, 10st 5½; Automatic, 9st 8½; Weronga, 9st 8½; Peter, 9st 8½; Scone, 9st 3½; Midlothian, 8st 6½; Abermain, 8st 6½; Silvern, 8st 4½; Simmer King, 8st 4½; Meteora, 8st; Exile, 8st; Moa, 8st; Gradient, 8st; The Harvest, 8st.

Town Plate, 1m 1f.—Bruce, 9st 5½; Gillo, 8st 13½; Grafton, 8st 9½; Chronograph, 8st 3½; Medals, 8st 6½; Strabo, 8st 6½; Proceed, 8st 4½; Pause, 7st 12½; Zanzibar, 7st 8½; Tarik, 7st 5½; Neruda, 6st 12½; Naples, 6st 12½; Waterworks, 6st 10½; Sinless, 6st 10½.

Borough Handicap, 6f.—Wilddower, 9st 5½; Beauty, 9st; Arch, 8st 10½; Silvern, 8st 10½; Simmer King, 8st 10½; Filesmere, 8st; Glen Abbey, 8st; Prince Hanlon, 7st 10½; Haphazard, 7st 10½; Encroacher, 7st 10½; Sir Uric, 7st 3½; Madame Laura, 7st; Sans Merci, 7st; Thornton, 7st; Sir Ennis, 7st; Mirrooral, 7st; Count Cardigan, 7st.

Final Handicap, 1m. Isisford, 10s 5lb; Medals, 9st 6lb; Automatic, 9st; Weronga, 9st; Query, 8st 10½; Goldilock, 8st 10½; Coralette, 8st 8½; Eppie, 8st 5½; Neruda, 8st; Abermain, 7st 12½; Waterworks, 7st 10½.

CAMPBELLTOWN RACING CLUB.

HOBART, Thursday.

The initial meeting of the Campbelltown Racing Club was held on the local course yesterday. Results:—

Trial Handicap.—Lenal, by Arsenal, 1; Homer, 2; Black Bess, 3.

Hurdle Race.—Loch Tay, by Lochiel, 1; Corinthus, 2; Tory Boy, 3.

Campbelltown Handicap.—Sweet Marie, by Ganlus, 1; Silverbloime, *; Reliance, *. Dead heat.

Steeplechase.—Mystery, 1; Colenso, 2; After Dark, 3.

Flying Handicap.—Saucy Chester, by Chesterman, 1; Orry, 2; Sweet Marie, 3.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

CYCLING CARNIVAL.

SCRATCH RACES TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The Summer Wheel Race Cycling Carnival, now current on the Sydney Cricket Ground, will be advanced another stage to-morrow night, when Walter Rutt, Henry Mayer, George Farley, O. Brook, W. E. Bannerman, E. A. Pye, and the pick of the local riding talent will meet in a programme of scratch and handicap events.

While Walter Rutt is showing his best Continental form, the other riders mentioned have made a close finish with him in several events. Even the rank and file of the riders are spinning like champions, and it is safe to assume that for future seasons Australasia will muster more than half-a-dozen of the old world cracks who may visit Australia; in fact the admirers of our own crack, A. H. Brook, predict that in him we have a world-beater. Among the races set down for to-morrow night is a half-mile scratch race, confined to the twelve best riders at the carnival, and the New South Wales crack will have an opportunity of avenging his defeat by Rutt in the League Cup Mile Scratch. Rutt should win to-morrow night's race also, as Brook has hardly got enough pedigree yet to secure a win over the favourite distance of the big sprinters, although he has the necessary speed. It is quite possible, however, that Mayer, who has expressed a decided inclination for the half-mile distance, may beat both Brook and Rutt. The cracks will also ride in a first-class mile handicap, and a five mile scratch, which will conclude the night's sport. The promoters have decided to open the racing at 8 o'clock sharp.

The series will be finished on Monday,

MAIL SUBSIDIES.

ROYAL COMMISSION INQUIRY.

THE ORIENT COMPANY'S POSITION.

MR. KENNETH ANDERSON'S EVIDENCE.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the subsidies to mail steamers resumed its sitting yesterday morning at the Commonwealth Offices. There were present Mr. Josiah Thomas, M.P. (Chairman), and Messrs. McDonald, Spence, and Sydney Smith, M.s.P.

Mr. Kenneth Anderson, shipowner, chairman of the Orient Steamship Company, and one of the managers of the Orient-Pacific Company, gave evidence at considerable length. His statement was as follows:—

I assume that you will not desire me to dwell in my evidence upon the case, as I think the unanswerable case, for maintaining fast lines of mail and passenger communication, especially in the case of a country so isolated by distance as Australia, but rather, taking that importance as an axiom, that I should throw whatever light I can upon the effect of the mail contract obligations on the policy and results of a steamship line, more particularly as to the cost; but as to the cost, there is, I think, rather a general impression that a mail contract is a mere makeweight or by issue, and the subsidy practically all fund money. Nothing could be further from the truth. The mail contract is first and last the determining factor in the cost. It determines the speed, and, therefore, the type of ship. It determines the route, and it determines the sailings and their regularity, and all without regard to economic or commercial considerations. As speed increases, cost both of building and running increases, whilst relative earning power, owing to reduction in the co-efficient of fineness and growth in coal space, decreases. Thus speed in the results counts two on a division. I will give an illustration, by taking a steamer of, say, 512ft x 58ft x 38ft, built as a mail and passenger steamer, with a speed adequate for an Australian mail contract, and one built primarily as a cargo-carrier, with very limited passenger accommodation, and a speed of 11 knots. The one would cost, approximately, when complete, £350,000, the other £150,000. The one for a radius of 12,000 miles would consume 4750 tons, the other 2200 tons coal. The one would carry a crew of, say, 200 to 250, the other of 90. The one at load draft would lift 7000 tons, the other 13,000. In actual practice, of course, the relation of the dimensions would be varied for a purely cargo boat, and the divergencies would be magnified, but I think this sufficiently indicates the difference in cost of building, cost of running, and in freight-earning power. Let me put it another way. You can build a cargo steamer down to about £9 per register ton, whilst an Australian mail steamer costs nearer £40 than £30 per ton register. To take the second effect of contract conditions, the mail steamer is compelled to call at certain ports and stay there fixed times, whether it pays to do so or not, and in particular it is compelled to incur Suez Canal dues. Last but not least, the regularity of despatches is compulsory at seasons when the volume of trade is wholly insufficient to warrant it. There are only two months in the year outwards, and two inwards, when the passenger traffic attains any considerable dimensions, whilst there are five or six during which the results of running vary only in the extent of the losses involved. From this it follows that it is impossible to separate the cost of running the steamers and the cost of carrying out the contract. The one is the measure of the other, after giving credit for the trade earnings which may be secured. The point is very cleverly brought out by Sir T. Sutherland in his evidence on steamship subsidies. He says: "I should like to say that when we tender for a mail service we give the Government credit for all the advantages which may possibly accrue to us in the working of our commercial services. I would except, of course, trades where the trade requirements call for steamers of a type fit or approximately fit to perform mail services. I only know of one such trade, viz., the North Atlantic (New York trade)."

When you turn to trade earnings it is a different story. These are determined by competition with steamers which are built with an eye to commercial considerations also, and, as you know, the rapid evolution of such steamers in recent years has resulted in a constant fall in freights, whilst, per contra, mail service conditions become more exacting. I need only instance that freight on meat has fallen from 6d and 1d to 4d and under, on fruit from 90s to 65s, on butter from 3d to 2-8d, on wool from 3d to 2-8d; and so proportionately for all cargo. In short, whilst the cost of building and running mail steamers is, subject to improvements in marine engineering, steadily tending upwards, and their earning power relatively to size decreasing, the actual rates of freight, etc., are as constantly downwards. Inasmuch, therefore, as contract conditions preclude competition on level terms with the cargo boat, in which economic considerations are paramount, you cannot distinguish between trade losses and contract losses, because the contract conditions are responsible for the enhanced cost of carrying any given volume of trade. Further, from what I have said, it follows that the mail subsidies requisite will tend to increase, except in so far as marine engineering may effect economies, or the type required by trade considerations alone may approximate to the type required by the mail contract.

The question in the case of Australia is complicated by the seasonal conditions to which I have referred, and also by the long prevailing periods of drought, which introduce an additional element of speculation into a venture sufficiently speculative without it. I notice that Mr. Wilkinson, speaking in the House of Representatives, gave a calculation as to the freight earnings upon which a Government-owned line might rely, and mentioned amongst other items £300,000 worth of butter freight and £100,000 worth of fruit freight. Both of these are season products, and as it would require 181,000 tons of insulated space to carry the volume these figures represent it is almost unnecessary to say that a fortnightly line of mail steamers could not cope with a tithe of them. Now, I may say in passing, can I see any advantage in a Government guarantee? If a Government guarantees the quantity it cannot guarantee the rate, and if the rate, then not the quantity. Let me turn now from the cost of mail services generally to the Australian mail service in particular with a view to giving an outline of the problem to be faced by a contractor. The cost of eight new steamers for an accelerated service, say the same as the P. and O. Company gives, 662 hours, would be, I estimate, not less than £2,800,000. Conceivably you might cheapen this, but only a little, without affecting the life of the steamers, and, therefore, the rate of depreciation to be provided. On a rising market, such as exists at present, the cost might well be more. The expense of running a line of such steamers for such a contract I estimate at from £28,000 to £30,000 per round voyage without depreciation.

As to the income prospects of such a line, I confess I feel very diffident of giving an estimate. New ships and higher speed attract passengers, but unfortunately they spell higher expenses, and in a stationary, if not retrogressive, state of passenger traffic, such as has existed here for years past, the gain of one ship is often secured at the expense of others in the line. I believe it to be a sanguine estimate that under approximately present conditions such a line would make the income square with its outgoings, leaving the subsidy to provide depreciation and interest. Interest at 5 per cent. and depreciation at 5 per cent. would amount to £240,000 per annum, but in the matter of interest a company in possession, such as the Orient, would, of course, be to the good to the extent that its fleet was already written down. That estimate, I may say, is based on the experience of the Orient Company during the last 10 years. If you go further back it does not improve matters, for I find, including the whole period from 1888, when we had our first contract, down to the end of 1903, that the working of the Orient Company's proportion of the mail line has, after counting the subsidy, resulted in the aggregate gross profits earned being £200,000 under 5 per cent. on the balance for depreciation; and I think I am justified in assuming from their decision to abandon the trade that our partners, the Pacific Company, have not done any better. These are rather startling figures, and in face of them you may well suggest that the original and long-continued acceptance of £85,000, both by the Orient and P. and O. Companies, as an adequate subsidy for a thorough service from Europe to Australia requires some explanation. That explanation is not far to seek.

Between the years 1873 and 1879 mail communication with Australia was maintained by a monthly P. and O. service connecting with their China (through service at Point de Galle—subsidy £90,000; from 1880 to 1888, by a similar service, only fortnightly, for a subsidy of £65,000. In 1888 the Imperial and Colonial Governments determined to have a weekly through service with Europe. Tenders for a fortnightly service were received from the P. and O. and Orient Companies respectively, and these companies ultimately became the contractors at a subsidy of £85,000 per annum each. This figure represented a heavy reduction on the amount named in tendering, but the reason for its acceptance is in the case of the P. and O. Company fully supplied by the stipulation with which the acceptance was accompanied. I quote from the Treasury minute, dated March 26, 1890, prepared for the House of Commons:—

Information that the formal approval thus required had been given by the three colonies concerned was received on July 25, 1888, and my Lords would then have been in a position to lay the contracts before Parliament, and to ask for the approval of the House of Commons, under Standing Orders, had not a difficulty arisen with respect to the contract with the P. and O. Company, which for a long time threatened to break down the arrangements made after such protracted negotiations. As a condition of the reduction of its tender to £85,000 per annum, the company had required that the mail service to China and Australia shall be carried on a basis of corresponding dates, as it is at present, so that the company may have liberty to transmit the China mails by the Australian packet between Brindisi and Colombo, or vice versa, at certain seasons if they should think advisable to do so.

I call special attention to the significance of this stipulation. Its effect was that the P. and O. Company as far as Colombo merely converted what had been the China through mail steamer into the Australian through mail steamer, the China mails being carried so far in the Australian steamer instead of the Australian mails in the China steamer.

The total mail mileage remained unaffected thereby, as did the payment of £85,000 in respect of the Australian service, and the payment in respect of the China service.

In evidence that this sum of £85,000 is no more than the consideration for the Australian-Colombo section of the route, it is only necessary to point out that should the P. and O. Company in certain eventualities under their existing contract abandon their Australian service, sacrificing thereby £85,000 per annum, the relative mileage of which they would be relieved would be no more than the section between Colombo and Australia. The one is the consideration for the other.

Why the Orient Company accepted £85,000 is another matter. I was not then in their counsels. I suppose partly from a difficulty in asking for more than the P. and O. ostensibly received, partly from want of experience, partly from a spirit of optimism, which survived till the hard logic of balance-sheets compelled them to ask for a figure more adequate. What I wish to make clear is that the consideration ostensibly received by the P. and O. Company for the service is not in fact the consideration actually received. And in that connection I would draw your attention to the answer given by Sir. T. Sutherland before the Subsidies Commission:—

Q. 4228: How is the subsidy divided between the other branches of the line? Is there any fixed sum allotted to the China services, for instance?—No; in fact, so far as we are concerned the subsidy is applicable in its totality, but inasmuch as the Orient line divide with us the service to Australia and receive £85,000 a year for that portion of the service, we consider, and the Post Office consider, that the P. and O. Company receives exactly the same amount for that part of our service. My insistence on this aspect of the P. and O. subsidy was during the negotiations for the present Orient contract treated with not a little scepticism, but, fortunately, I have lately lighted upon a document which conclusively establishes its accuracy. I quote from a confidential communication from the Treasury to Sir Robert Herbert, Secretary of the Colonial Office, dated October 7, 1887. It is amongst other correspondence relative to the 1888 contract, published for the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales: "Sir,—With reference to Mr. Branston's letter of the 1st inst., relating to the Australian mail contracts, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of Secretary Sir Henry Holland, that as regards the option reserved to the P. and O. Company to carry the China mails on board the Australian steamers between Brindisi and Colombo, my Lords desire me to remark that the terms upon which the China mails are to be carried are already made, the contract made and approved by the House of Commons, and that neither more nor less will be paid for the conveyance, whether the company perform an Australian service or not. My Lords think, therefore, that the option in question must be regarded solely as the consideration upon which the company are ready to accept £85,000 a year instead of a higher subsidy for the Australian service. Moreover, although the company in working the two services naturally expects to gain, at all events, some slight advantage by that option, there is no reduction whatever in the cost of the China service. On the other hand, the Australian convenes, if ever the service comes into operation, so far from saving as much as if a separate vessel were always employed, will reap the full benefit of the reduction of subsidy to £85,000 a year, which the company are ready to make in consideration of the option referred to."

Now, what was the value of the "slight advantage" accruing to the company from this option? The measure of its value to the P. and O. was the saving it involved. It saved the company the cost of running a China mail steamer every fortnight between Brindisi and Colombo, and vice versa, for though the company were still liable to run a fortnightly through steamer to China the steamers so run are of an intermediate type, which can live on their merits. The P. and O. have received, therefore, since 1888, for their half of the Australian through service, the sum of £35,000, plus the proportion of their Eastern subsidies appropriated to the section between Brindisi and Colombo. In their case that section has been paid for out of the Eastern subsidies; in the case of the Orient Company it has constructively not been paid at all. I have dwelt upon this point, not because the Orient Company ever cherished any idea of recovering arrears—if they failed to secure adequate payment they have themselves to blame, and must abide by the consequences—but in order to dispel misconceptions as to their attitude in requiring an increase. The Commonwealth has reason to congratulate itself upon having for 17 years secured its mail service at a figure representing roughly about half the cost of it. I suggest it is a reason for sympathetic consideration towards their contractors in future.

I would now like to deal with some points which have been raised in Parliamentary debates on the Orient contract, and elsewhere. I see that in seeking to account for the paucity of tenders received much has been made of the malign influence of a shipping ring. There are recurrent picturesque phrases to the effect that "Australia is in the grip of the ring," that "the ring holds Australia in the hollow of its hand," etc. Now, I wish most emphatically to say that this ring has no more influence on the mail tenders than the rings round the planet Saturn. The origin of the legend—for it is no more than a legend—is, I suppose, the existence in London for many years past of a freight conference, such as is common to all trades. The effect of the conference is to prevent violent fluctuations in the rates of freight, and to keep the trade adequately and regularly supplied with tonnage. Its functions are no more in the interests of owners than of the shippers and trade generally, without whose concurrence it could not continue. I will not enlarge upon the beneficent functions of such bodies; my present purpose is merely to say that no member of that conference is individually or collectively bound by any sort of pledge to abstain from tendering for the contract, nor would the conference stir its little finger to prevent, if such a thing were possible, any interest outside the conference from tendering. The plain fact of the matter is that the business was not sufficiently attractive. Our results were a sufficient deterrent.

Additional reason, if such were necessary, is to be found in the shortness of the period. How could it be expected that a fleet of such costliness would be forthcoming with a tenure of three years? I quite recognise the force of the argument for short-period contracts, but these, in my opinion, are completely outweighed by considerations against them. A Government should regard its mail contractors in the light of partners in the development of the country, and should do everything in its power to encourage enterprise. Under the best of conditions a mail contract is rather a hazardous business, but if the Government deny a substantial tenure and cast doubts on the continuity of its policy in the future it paralyses the enterprise of the contractors, to the detriment of their own interests and of the interests of the country they serve. So long as the management of the contractors is efficient and progressive, and they can show that they are not earning more than a reasonable profit for their shareholders, a matter in which the contractors should be ready to take the Government completely into their confidence, the Government should, I think, deal liberally with them, and allow them to entertain some degree of confidence as to the future.

There are one or two misapprehensions I wish to correct. I see it was stated in Parliament, as a reason for the difference between the 2s 7d paid the Orient Company under the last contract and the 4s 9d paid to the P. and O. Company, that the latter's contract included Admiralty requirements.—This is not the fact; all Admiralty requirements are paid for separately under subvention agreements.

It was also stated that during the time the company received £85,000 per annum it worked at a profit, and that the service ceased to pay, not because of anything relating to the mails, but owing to the competition for cargo.—The first statement is incorrect. There were individual years when the mail service left a profit to the company, but over all the period it showed a heavy loss. The second statement is, for reasons I have given, equally misleading. If the Orient Company cannot profitably carry cargo at the low rates dictated by cargo steamers, it is because the mail contract conditions preclude the employment of equally economical steamers. I repeat you cannot for that reason distinguish between contract and trade losses.

In reply to the Chairman, the witness said that in ten years the value of the traffic carried by the N.D.L. line had trebled itself.

The Chairman: And that result was brought about through the subsidies granted by the Government?—Yes, to a great extent.

What is the comparison in the subsidies granted to the German steamers and your steamers?—We receive 3s 8d per mile, while the subsidy to the N.D.L. amounts to 5s per mile.

How do the canal dues compare?—It is difficult to give an exact estimate, but if all our steamers were like the Omrah we should pay £104,000 a year, and the N.D.L. £52,000.

Is it not a fact that some years ago the P. and O. Company granted a concession to officers travelling between England and India, which is not now granted?—That is not within my knowledge.

In further evidence the witness said that the carriage of refrigerated cargo was unremunerative under present conditions. Generally speaking, the treatment accorded to the steamers of German and American lines was in the direction of encouraging trade, and in the case of Germany of establishing a reserve for the navy. Prior to 1901 the company employed white firemen and between 2901 and 1905 Lascars were employed.

The Chairman: Why did you employ Lascars in place of white labour?—Through a desire for constant efficiency. I do not know whether you desire me to amplify that.

The Chairman: I do not press for anything more.

Evidence was then given regarding the relations between the Shipping Federation and the National Seamen's and Firemen's Association. The witness said that he was not aware of any strong feeling existing between the members of the two associations. He desired to reply to some remarks made in the Senate by Senator Pearce by stating that the Orient Company had never refused employment to the union firemen of Great Britain. The company had absolutely no preference for unionists or non-unionists. The only preference it gave was to the best men.

The Chairman: Do you think that the Postmaster-General should only ask for speed regularity, and nothing more?—Yes, that is my opinion.

Would you make the postal contract terminate at Adelaide or Sydney?—That is a matter for the Postmaster-General to decide. By the existing arrangements the carriage of the parcels post to Sydney is secured.

Supposing that the Postmaster-General decided that you come to Adelaide instead of Sydney, would the price be affected?—No.

Have you any idea if letters would be delivered more quickly in Melbourne if the steamers went round direct to Melbourne?—I do not thing that they could be delivered sooner. The difference for practical purposes would not be great.

I have heard that the accommodation on the P. and O. and Orient steamers is somewhat inferior to that of the German steamers?—I do not think it is so. I have heard the same criticism of the German ships by passengers who have travelled by us.

Mr. M'Donald: Might not a combination of shipowners be able to charge excessive freights?—They are not likely to pursue a policy that would throttle their trade, and they know that other competitors would take the trade if they did.

Would you favour long contracts rather than short ones?—I would favour contracts long enough to warrant companies in building.

On the question of the advisability of excluding all but British trade in the Empire, the witness said that those foreign nations who had large interests in the interimperial trade did not exclude Britain. The countries which excluded all flags but their own were America, Spain, France, and Russia. The deck hands and stewards employed by the Orient Company were British, but he could not answer for the firemen. The life of a mail steamer tended to become shorter. At the end of its career its live and dead weight capacity would totally unfit it for conversion into a cargo steamer. Regarding the proposal to establish a Government line of steamers, he had a perfectly open mind. If it could be done well and cheaply, it was justifiable, but in his view it could not be done well and cheaply. A Government had not the same stimulus of necessity in effecting economies, no matter how efficient its servants might be.

The Chairman: Should the Government decide to do so, would you be open to do business with them regarding the purchase of the whole or part of your fleet?—Why, certainly, we are prepared to do business with anyone.

In reply to Mr. Chanter, the witness said that the company had let the space for refrigerated produce on its steamers for many years to two enterprising contractors. Everyone had the same opportunity at the time that these contracts were entered into. If they did not do so they did not understand their business.

Mr. David Anderson, manager of the Orient Pacific line in Australia, was examined regarding the allegation that the company dealt with only one or two individuals only for space in its vessels. He said that the system was to approach various shippers, and ascertain from them what space they required. Anyone desirous of entering into a contract with the company could do so.

Mr. Chanter: It has been alleged that the shippers got a double commission?—They received a rebate at the end of the season, but the company would be equally willing to pay it to the producer if he shipped direct.

The Commission adjourned till the following day.

MINING REFORM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your account of the Hill End goldfield, in your issue of the 12th inst, furnishes food for reflection on our arbitrary gold mining laws. Mr. Moore states "that if capitalists do not soon take advantage of their opportunity the reservation of Hawkins' Hill will be revoked." Surely Mr. Moore cannot be blind to the fact that no one with a grain of common sense would entrust large capital to the tender mercies of our despicable gold mining laws, for should capital and promised Government aid be exhausted what protection or security of tenure would be ensured to investors? We have a dismal long list of promising ventures cut short in their career by the cancellation of their leases, and the promised reforms in our gold mining laws are as far off as ever, simply a will of the wisp that for years past has been dangled as a bait to ensnare the unwary. It is a well-known fact that many claims at Hill End were dummied for years, the holders naturally waiting for the "other fellow" to make a start, knowing of the insecurity of outlay on leases liable to quick cancellation, should the prospects appear good enough to excite the envy of the blackmailer and the holders of the claim be temporarily too short of funds to comply with the severe and drastic labour conditions. Insecurity of tenure of gold mining leases has largely contributed to the system of dummying and blackmailing, for the non-observance of the labour conditions. It has resolved itself into a game of "throw or catch when you can." The auriferous deposits throughout New South Wales (not only at Hill End) require large capital and security of tenure to develop them at a depth. When the holders of leases, after spending thousands of pounds, and doing all they can in a thoroughly honest, straightforward manner, cannot get suspension of labour, and have to see their leases, with all their outlay, handed over to blackmailers without a trial in open court, it is high time for the credit of New South Wales that this state of things should be abolished. Is it any wonder that capitalists hesitate with such experience staring them in the face?

The Hill End and other gold fields would not be deserted an hour if they happened to be in one of the other States. London capital will not take the risk with our mining laws, unless it is a gilt-edged investment from the start.

There is not one redeeming feature in our gold laws, if it is a case of the honest man versus scoundrels. In January, 1905, Mr. Moore promised to amend these laws, but the proposed reforms never reached the discussion stage of the House, and if last year's programme is repeated the House will not meet until June, and the disgrace to the State in having such laws, and the irritation and loss to the public, will be in no way abated. I look upon the reform of the mining laws as of so much importance that the Government would commend itself to all classes of the community by having a short session next month to pass the Mines Amendment Act. Certainly the drafted bill is not all that can be desired, yet it is a short of half-way house to the genuine reform.

It has always seemed that Ministers have been so frightened of mining reform that they have been afraid to approach it. However, "reform" was the password for our present Government to secure office, so it is only natural to expect that they will live up to it, and hasten in every possible manner the repeal of such obnoxious laws as control the mining industry in this State.

I am, etc.,
Jan. 17. DYNAMITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your sub-leader of to-day under the above heading should, if anything will, awaken a more intelligent interest in the general community to the importance of one, and not the least, of our primary industries, less injuriously affected by climatic conditions than either the pastoral or agricultural pursuits. The industry unfortunately labours under disadvantages peculiar to itself; to enter upon same would, especially in view of the general apathy existent, occupy too much space even in your columns, despite the fact that said columns are ever open to such an arm competent to deal with the subject. To confine this to one glaring instance of departmental muddling and messing, the writer refers to the preposterous handicap "upon investment" perpetuated by Ministerial fiat (see issue of 12th inst.) of insisting upon conditions of embargo inflicted upon one of the State's most important gold-producing fields, some six years since, during which period not only has individual effort (sole factor of development) been prohibited, but also capital has been equally debarred by the formulation of an elaborate scheme, so ridiculously absurd as to altogether paralyse any idea of investment.

To no purpose has an alternative (indeed, the original scheme) been submitted, and the necessary capital guaranteed. The department insists (without defending its impracticability by challenging the soundness or guarantees of the alternative) upon their own design, thus deceiving possible escapees from some lunatic asylum with promises which no Government dare carry into effect, i.e., of subsidy, said subsidy, or encouragement, unasked for and undesired by the authors of the alternative.

I am, etc.,
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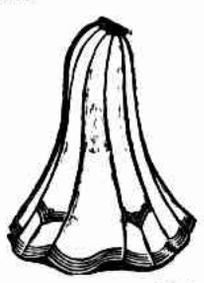

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HIS SUCCESSFUL ADMINISTRATON.

A deputation from the Sydney Chamber of Commerce waited upon Sir William Lyne, Minister of Customs, at the Commonwealth Offices, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of urging upon him certain reforms which they desired should be effected in the department under his control. Those present were:—Messrs. J. P. M'Arthur, president; G. M. Merivale, vice-president; J. Russell-French, M. Gotthelf, E. Trelawny, Geo. Wall, T. J. Clark, C. Cowper, A. F. Robinson, G. S. Littlejohn, P. Mitchell, E. H. Rogers, F. Bligh, and H. C. Mitchell, secretary. The Collector of Customs, Sydney (Mr. N. Lockyer), was in attendance on the Minister.

Mr. J. P. M'Arthur said it was hardly necessary to say that the deputation came in no spirit of hostility, either to the Customs Department or to the Administration, but that they were actuated solely by a desire to promote the more rapid transaction of business, to urge the removal of certain disabilities under which they were labouring, and to further establish those cordial relations between the Customs and the commercial public which they considered essential to the smooth working of any department. Before placing their views before him they would like to say that they had at all times found the Collector of Customs at this port, and all the officers of the department, obliging and courteous, and willing to do all in their power to facilitate the transaction of business.

CONGESTION OF WORK.

The first point they would like to call attention to was a purely local one, viz., the delays caused by the congestion of work in the Sydney Customs-house. They were aware that, considering the volume of business transacted in this State (Sydney Customs-house figures being the largest in the Commonwealth), the accommodation provided was inadequate, and they trusted that some arrangements would soon be made between the State and the Federal Governments which would enable the department to secure the necessary accommodation for carrying on the work. But, if the accommodation was not all that could be desired, they considered it all the more necessary that full provision should be made to cope with the business which was carried on, and they trusted, now that extra permanent men had been placed in the invoice-room, and arrangements made for further increasing the staff there in times of pressure, that the delays which had occurred in checking invoices would be very much diminished. Ever since the Federal tariff was introduced there had been complaints of congestion, because the staff usually employed (sufficient to meet ordinary business) was not equal to the pressure when a large number of overseas ships arrived together, and they felt that, even with the extra men employed, delays would still occur, unless something more was done to spread the business over a more extended time. Some time ago, in response to a representation made by the Chamber, the Minister was able to partially meet their wishes in regard to allowing invoices to be checked prior to the arrival of steamers. This concession proved to be of great convenience to merchants, but they were of opinion that the work of the whole Customs-house would be much more evenly distributed and delays thus lessened, if he could further see his way to grant in its entirety the request which they thought was then made, namely, that not only should invoices be allowed to be checked, but that entries should be made and passed prior to the arrival of steamers for all free goods, bonded goods, and transhipments, notwithstanding that the Customs Act did not specifically provide for such a practice. As matters stood at present with regard to over-sea steamers, although the ship's agent in Sydney had the manifest (which was generally forwarded from Adelaide by post), it could not be lodged until the ship had arrived in Sydney. As the captain had many matters to attend to, he generally required to take full advantage of the twenty-four hours' grace allowed before being able to sign at the Customs. It was only after a captain had signed that the entries could be passed. They suggested that the ship's agent should be allowed to lodge the manifest on receipt of same, and sign on behalf of the captain prior to ship's arrival, the captain countersigning upon his arrival. With the very large shipments which reached Sydney from time to time by the big over-sea steamers, there was always a great quantity of free, bonded, and transhipment goods, which could be dealt with and entries passed for prior to the arrival of the steamer. Under the present arrangement, beyond checking the invoices, nothing could be done until the manifest was lodged, and the result was that at such time there was a great scramble to get entries passed, and to obtain the necessary authority to enable the goods to be removed from the wharf. If the Minister could see his way to accede to this proposal, they felt sure it would lessen very much the congestion not only in the Customs-house, but on the wharfs.

DEPARTMENTAL DELAYS.

The next point to which they wished to call his attention was the delays experienced in obtaining notices of tariff decisions and alterations, and they desired to establish a system of communication between the central authority at Melbourne and the Customs authorities in this State, such as would afford the merchants and traders at the port of Sydney, simultaneously with those of other States of the Commonwealth, full information with regard to Customs decisions affecting the rates of duty and alterations affecting the tariff, Customs regulations, or practice." At the present time very many days generally elapsed between the date on which the notification was made in Melbourne and the date on which they received a notice in this city. The trading public of Sydney and other States should be informed on the same day that any announcement of change of classification or change of tariff had been made known at head-quarters, and it should become operative simultaneously at the different ports. No doubt many of the alterations notified were unimportant, but, on the other hand, there were instances in which the alteration in duty had had a very serious effect in connection with trade, and had given undue advantage. Notwithstanding this fact, very many days have elapsed before those in this State had been notified of the decisions arrived at in Melbourne. They suggested that the information should be forwarded direct from Melbourne to the various Chambers of Commerce at the same time that the notification was made to the Customs-house, rather than on the present course, which obliged the collector in this and other States to go through the papers and have copies of them made and sent to each chamber and to the press. If the information was supplied direct to the chamber, they could arrange to have it notified upon the board in the Royal Exchange immediately upon arrival.

BELATED DECISIONS.

He had referred to delays that had arisen in giving notice of alterations in the tariff, and now wished to draw the Minister's attention to a matter of equal, if not greater, importance, namely, the delays experienced in obtaining decisions from headquarters concerning matters submitted to Melbourne for decision under section 167. When the tariff was first introduced, there was naturally considerable doubt as to the classification of many articles, and no doubt there was good reason for having to refer so many cases to Melbourne for decision. But the tariff had now been in operation for many years without alteration, and it was reasonable to suppose that most of the doubtful points had been decided, with the exception of those connected with new materials and new articles of manufacture, and, therefore, he maintained that there should be no necessity for such frequent references to headquarters, and also that the decisions given from there should be given promptly and without delay.

The fact that the number of cases submitted under section 167 was comparatively small did not affect the principle for which they were contending, neither did the fact that in more than half the cases the Minister had decided in favour of the importer. They had not questioned, nor did they for one moment question, the fairness under which these decisions were given, but they did take exception to the lengthy time taken in informing the trader who had submitted his claim as to the decision of the department, and to the difficulty that was experienced by him in that connection. Considering, also, that more than half the cases which had gone forward were given in favour of the trader, they thought it either pointed to the fact that the collector at this port had not sufficient power given him to decide questions of classification of goods, or to the fact that he had not sufficient expert opinion at his command to enable him to come to a right decision. They admitted that there must be only one place where definite and final decisions could be given, and that these decisions must emanate from wherever the head-quarters of the department happened to be, and they did not ask that, as regards the final decisions which were eventually embodied in the Tariff Guide, there should be any departure from the present course. But, considering the importance of this city, and the amount of revenue which the Customs derived from it, they thought the officer here should have larger powers, and be sufficiently acquainted with the opinions of the Comptroller-General, and the method employed by those at head-quarters, to be able to give an instant decision, not a perfunctory one based on the highest tariff charge, leaving it to the trader to appeal under section 167 if he was dissatisfied, but an opinion that was well thought out, and likely to be upheld at headquarters. This decision could be held binding as far as that particular entry was concerned, but need not necessarily be taken as a precedent or held binding for future shipments. The matter could then be referred to headquarters, and settled in due course, and the decisions published in the usual way. If the importer felt that the decision given by the Collector was not a fair one, it might be arranged that he should have the liberty to bond the goods pending a reply, or to appeal under section 167 in the usual way.

POWER OF MINISTER.

Mr. Geo. Wall said the deputation had no wish to lay before the Minister's door blame for the disabilities which they la

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SILVER WEDDINGS.

DESPOINTES—BREWER.—January 19, 1881, at St. Charles' Church, Waverley, by the Rev. James Hanrahan, John Baptiste Despointes, eldest son of the late M. Despointes, of Frognore, Marrickville, to Annie Clara Brewer, eldest daughter of Francis Campbell Brewer, of Ellora, Waverley.

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Inserted by her friend, W.R.D.

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SUMMER SPECIALTIES—LIGHT CLARETS, HOCKS, CHABLIS, AND BURGUNDIES.

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THE COST OF MAIL SERVICES.

The public has now been taken into the confidence of our two great mail steamer companies to a much larger extent than hitherto. Sir Thomas Sutherland has been speaking at the other side of the world on the business of the P. and O. Company, of which he is chairman, and now we have the evidence given yesterday by Mr. Kenneth Anderson, the chairman of the Orient Steamship Company, before the Mail Subsidies' Commission. Sir Thomas impressed on his hearers that profits are not what they were, and now Mr. Anderson gives us his view of that subject more in detail. At the outset it may be admitted that in mail steamer business the two principal factors are competition and subsidies. It has been understood all along that if American, French, and German liners come here it is because of their subsidies. Without them it is doubtful if they would ever have cut into the trade. In the case of some of them they combine heavy cargo-carrying capacity with passenger traffic, and the financial assistance they receive from their own Government enables other steamers to carry on their trade without any assistance from mail payments. But we now have it on Mr. Anderson's authority that, so far as his line is concerned at any rate, the mail subsidy is first and last the determining factor in the cost. If it were a question of passengers and freight alone, we may take it that an adaptation of the old sailing ship arrangements would almost be made to suffice, if we apprehend Mr. Anderson correctly. Our opponents of other nations, with their subsidies, which have nothing to do with mails but everything with competition, would have something to say to that. It must be as plain to the mail steamer companies trading to Australia as it is to ourselves that if the trade here is worth their seeking they would have to engage in it, mail subsidy or not, in a manner at least up to the standard of the State-subsidised lines.

But it is just here that Mr. Anderson takes us into his confidence. The mail steamers are not built primarily as cargo-carriers, which need have accommodation mainly for freight and a speed capacity of about eleven knots. A mail steamer is constructed on quite other lines. She is timed to speed and punctuality like a railway train, and fitted with modern accommodation like a floating hotel. These things have to be paid for, and the proportion is, roughly, as £350,000 to £150,000 in a vessel of 512 feet in length. We need not follow Mr. Anderson in his reference to the expense involved in steppages, in Canal dues, and the like. They are self-evident, but of course they must not be overlooked. Then he shows that a paying passenger traffic can only be relied upon during two months of the year outward and two inward. Then, as against all this, the trade earnings nowadays, according to Mr. Anderson, are affected by the recent rapid movements in steamship construction. Of course it is Australia's wish to be kept abreast of modern progress, and not be left behind the rest of the world in the race of improvement. That is our point of view, but that of the Orient Company's chairman is that this process of evolution has resulted during recent years in a constant fall in freights, while mail service conditions become more exacting. The meat, wool, and butter freight charges are quoted. It will be seen that Mr. Anderson repudiates the idea of a "ring." If his evidence does nothing else it will at least put the public in possession of the shipowners' point of view.

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION.

The letters we published yesterday on the administration of the Public Works Department bring forward matter of so important a nature that it would be manifestly improper either to accept or to pass it without inquiry. We have no doubt that the details as given will occupy attention in the right quarter, for it goes without saying that the most crushing condemnation of any part of our public administration in any one of its departments would be pronounced if it were said that any such impeachment could be ignored. Publicity is the very breath of life of our institutions. But publicity itself would be hopelessly stultified and rendered valueless if it were possible for authority to pass it over in silence. That applies to every branch of public business. Without recognition of such responsibility as is involved in the public right to exact a reply to such criticism as we have had, all our talk of responsible government and administration becomes mere farce. We therefore take it for granted that inquiry will be made into the matter of our correspondents' letters, and that the result will be given to the public. So much for the immediate details. Behind these stand one or two principles of administration which require to be brought out and emphasised, whether they have been infringed in the cases cited or not. The method of letting tenders and the local tax by way of contribution to the cost of bore-sinking, water supply, and other services both illustrate this. They are important matters, particularly the former, and as most people probably know they have formed the subject of considerable informal discussion for some time past, though, perhaps, without the official knowledge of the department.

With the particular merits of the instances mentioned by our correspondents we have no wish to interfere at this stage. But it has to be said that a serious state of things would be disclosed if it could be shown that contracts involving thousands of pounds of outlay were given by the Works Department at prices amounting to twice the value of the work subsequently done. Put just in that bald way, and with such definite statements as we find in our correspondents' letters to annotate it, a remark like this is calculated to set the taxpayers of the country thinking. It does not do to think in a hurry, or to arrive too precipitately at conclusions on matters of this character. Rumour is often mischievously busy about the Government departments. The tendency is to exaggerate, perhaps, and we have been told before that some allowance must be made for disappointed tenderers. But an inquiry, with full access to all documents, records, and facts, would soon set that right. Then there is the question of the local levies made to defray the cost of local works. We know that towns have been financially crippled by expensive water works, that the cost of construction has often largely exceeded the estimate, and even that the local responsibility has sometimes had to be written down to relieve residents from what had become an intolerable burden. In some cases the cost incurred has been reduced to fictitious figures, we are now told, so that the local levy may be lessened. One case is cited, where the amount of local taxation is alleged to have been reduced to the standard of what it would have been if what should be the cost had been paid. The two principles concerned are important, it will be seen, even if we leave to further inquiry the much larger and very obvious principle underlying all administration which our correspondents have called in question.

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE A.M.P. SOCIETY.

Since the board of the Australian Mutual Provident Society announced that it had been requested to endeavour once more to obtain the sanction of the policy-holders to extend abroad, the matter has been thoroughly discussed. Circumstances have materially changed since the consent of the policy-holders was last withheld some five years ago, and on the whole they cannot now do better than trust the good judgment of the directors, upon whose shoulders responsibility rightly rests. The board has announced that it is unanimously in favour of the extension, some directors, who had formerly either openly opposed going beyond Australasia, or shown lukewarm interest, having on this occasion fallen into line, and granted their co-directors their hearty co-operation and support. In our columns, too, numerous letters have appeared both for and against the proposals of the board. These have been carefully weighed. We have endeavoured in an impartial way to place all the arguments on the one side in careful juxtaposition with those on the other, and we believe that policy-holders will be found to have arrived at the conclusion that the balance is with those who side with the board.

It is one of the safeguards of a mutual society such as the A.M.P. that certain radical changes cannot be made without first consulting the wishes of the policy-holders, who are virtually the shareholders of the institution. We should not like to see this safeguard removed. Still, it must be freely admitted that at times certain decisions have to be given by policy-holders on subjects of no ordinary difficulty. The average policy-holder knows nought of the intricacies of the money market, or of the principles of high finance. He cannot be expected to do so. There are in any country but few who have given a sufficient study to such matters to make their opinions authoritative. Nor are the principles of actuarial science a subject of general knowledge. They are intricate and confusing to the ordinary mind, and it may be doubted even whether the boards of such institutions as the A.M.P. Society are really qualified to pass expert opinions upon actuarial matters. Where the directors, however, have the advantage over the outside policy-holder is in that they have at their disposal the most carefully-trained expert knowledge that Australia can produce. With this advantage they say that they are unanimously in favour of extending the business of the society to Great Britain and to South Africa, and all we can say is that we see no reason why the board's judgment should be mistrusted. We do not propose to enter into any details of the alleged benefits or drawbacks. These have been already sufficiently discussed, and the whole matter can now safely be commended to the good sense of the policy-holders.

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR PARKS.

The proposal being considered by the health committee of the City Council to erect a refreshment kiosk in Hyde Park is one to which no reasonable objection can be raised provided that some care and common sense are exercised. If the architect is merciful such a building adds to rather than detracts from the charm of the surroundings. In the case of Hyde Park structures of any kind should be sparingly permitted, because the land already narrow and too much cut up by pathways is hanked on all sides by lofty buildings What is wanted is to keep the park as free as possible, a simple and natural garden in the city. At the same time a kiosk such as that proposed would be a considerable convenience on evenings when band performances were being given. It is not likely that the hiring of chairs would be a great source of revenue, the average Australian being democratic enough to share a park seat with anyone who may be occupying it, or, failing that, unconventional enough to lie on the ground. So far, however, as the practical suggestions go they are admirable. Hyde Park does not lend itself to the realisation of the "continental idea as readily as would the Outer Domain. It is too small, for instance, to lose its urban character even under the kindly touch of night. But it is a good thing to make the best of it, and it is a good thing to tempt the city dweller to seek its comparative freshness and coolness. Even in this the city dweller wants some educating, for except when a band is playing the brilliant electric glow still for the most part lights up an inviting emptiness.

It is too late, unfortunately, for us to be a garden city, but there is no reason why we should not be a city of gardens, and why we should not learn to use them. On the sultry summer nights it would strike a European traveller as singular to see the crowded city streets in the residential quarters near the parks full of people "taking the air" on their doorsteps or the causeway, when they might have trees and grass close at hand. This is partly due, no doubt, to our race inheritance of isolation and insularity, but the probability is that with a little stimulus in the form of innocent attractions we could be induced to adapt ourselves more closely to a climate that resembles southern Europe rather than the sterner north. For Australians the open air is the natural habitat, and it is very fortunate that it is so. No doubt we do already spend a very fair proportion of our time out of doors, our sports take us much into the open, and a picnic is usually procurable with very little provocation. The continental spirit that enjoys its evening rest and music collectively, has, however, not been cultivated so much as it might be. The City Council and its officers do well to give their thought and support to this movement in various directions, all tending to make our parks a popular evening resort, with lights, music, pleasant surroundings, and reasonable refreshment. It is to be hoped that this movement will meet with the recognition it certainly deserves, and that a healthy and desirable habit will be fostered by it.

The State's Protest.—Sir William Lyne's reply to the statements of protest made at the Town Hall meeting were chiefly remarkable for their delightful variety. All the blame for the delay in fixing the Federal capital site was due, he said, to the New South Wales Government, which failed to make a definite selection. It was also due to Mr. Reid, for not making known the decision of the conference of Premiers respecting the 100-mile limit. Furthermore, there was no delay at all, because we were better off in this respect than other federations. Finally, the agitation was the result of political bias. Therefore the Federal Government, Parliament, and Sir Wm. Lyne are all vindicated.

Mr. Wade and the Publicans.—"I was surprised to hear that Mr. Wade imagines I wish to make a legal Aunt Sally of him." Mr. John Ashton, secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, remarked to a "Herald" reporter yesterday, in reference to the Attorney-General's refusal to answer all the technical points arising under the Liquor Act. "Mr. Wade states that I can go to our own solicitor for an opinion. Now I contend that Mr. Wade is not only the father of the bill, but its administrator also, and to whom else can we look for a correct interpretation of the Act? I do not complain of the Act, but I do complain of its present administration. A person in one district is allowed to do one thing, and another person in another district is not allowed the same privilege. One policeman tells a man that he cannot do this, and another officer contradicts the first. The man then flies to the Liquor Act, which he cannot understand, and finally gives the matter up in disgust. The whole trade is therefore looking to Mr. Wade—and the majority of the public also—to help them. The Attorney-General is reticent on the question of a person under the age of 17 years being allowed in a grocer's, fruiterer's, or other shop holding a colonial wine license for any purpose whatsoever, such as the purchase of fruit or groceries. We will not be so silent, however, for if the Act operates against one it should operate against another."

Customs Administration.—According to Sir William Lyne, there was no case to reply to in the representations made by the Sydney Chamber of Commerce to him yesterday in reference to Customs administration. The deputation may be fairly taken as representative of the commercial community in New South Wales. At considerable length it set forth the delays caused by the congestion of work in the Sydney Customs-house; also, in obtaining notices of tariff alterations, and in receiving decisions from headquarters concerning matters submitted to Melbourne under section 167 of the Act. The deputation made a number of requests with a view to expedite the transaction of business, including one that not only should invoices be allowed to be checked, but entries should be made and passed prior to the arrival of steamers for all free goods, bonded goods, and transhipments. They asked, further, that the telegraph wires should be used in communicating between Sydney and Melbourne with respect to decisions and tariff alterations, etc., and they pointed out the serious results that might follow the lack of uniformity in the publication of the departmental decisions and alterations. One member of the deputation stated that owing to the enormous powers possessed by the Minister in regard to classification he could practically frame a new tariff, so that the importance of expeditious treatment of Customs matters was thereby emphasised. All the same, Sir William had no specific case. There was no delay, as the commercial men who were daily transacting business with the department alleged, or if there was delay then it was unavoidable. The Minister was, therefore, on extremely safe ground. Besides, he said, he had been complimented everywhere except in New South Wales, and presumably Sydney, upon the way in which the Customs work was done, but nevertheless he tried to uphold Sydney's position. There was a disposition to make it appear that everything was centred in Melbourne. Judging from the tenor of Sir William's remarks, that was all moonshine, and in the opinion of the Minister of Customs, everything was going smoothly and well, and possibly commercial men who complain of delays and harassing restrictions are not wise to worry.

University Engineering School.—Owing to the munificent offer by the late Sir P. N. Russell to place £50,000 at the disposal of the Sydney University, provided the Government expends £25,000 in the erection of the necessary buildings, the authorities of the University will be in a position to establish a school of engineering. The Government having accepted the offer, the Government Architect, Mr. Vernon, has prepared plans for a building to cost £20,000. It will be erected on the north-west corner of the main University building. The sum of £5000 will be expended in providing the machinery and internal fittings of the school.

A Contented Community.—A halcyon existence seems to be enjoyed by the handful of people living on Norfolk Island. They live on peaceful terms with each other, except for a small dispute now and then with regard to land matters. They are not troubled with political controversies, or religious wrangles, and being far removed from the sturm and drang of city life are free from the worry, wear and tear associated therewith. This was the picture drawn by Mr. F. Farnell, who returned yesterday from Norfolk Island, after a brief sojourn amongst the residents in his capacity of visiting magistrates. "I found the people peaceful and happy," observed Mr. Farnell to a "Herald" reporter. "It is true I was called upon to settle two or three disputes, but they were of such a minor character that I had very little trouble in adjusting them to the satisfaction of all parties. The islanders wisely arranged amongst themselves some time ago to control the export of palm seed and palm plants, with the result that the system is working satisfactorily. Thousands of bushels of the seed are sent all over the world, whilst many thousands of plants are also exported at a minimum charge. The island grows vegetables in profusion, but, as they will not keep until they reach Sydney, the islanders only produce sufficient for their own meals. The population —120 souls—remains almost stationary. The birth-rate is about counterbalanced by those who leave to try their fortunes in Sydney."

Sunday Services.—The Sydney Labour Council refused last night to entertain a suggestion that it should co-operate in protesting at a public meeting against the denial by the Chief Secretary "of the right of free speech, in refusing to allow the Palace Theatre to be leased for the holding of Sunday services." The executive had informed the council that the right of free speech was not in jeopardy, but that the question was simply one of making a charge for admission.

Trees for the Streets.—Martin-place and Moore-street will probably at an early date be adorned with trees. It is not merely intended to plant them in a few pot-holes in the roadway. A more imposing scheme is in contemplation. The thoroughfares are spacious—64ft. between the kerbs—and the proposal is to form a plantation 15ft or 20ft wide, to place the trees 60ft apart, and to turf the whole plantation with buffalo grass, and further embellish it with a flower-bed around the edges. The first portion of the work will cost about £250. The health committee of the City Council has given instructions for the necessary plans to be drawn up.

The Wool Pandemonium.—"Buyers were eager to fill orders." This is the solemn commercial report of the wool sales yesterday. To those in the trade it has a deep significance. It means that Englishmen, Frenchmen, Americans, Germans—buyers from all parts of the world, were engaged in a desperate struggle to obtain parcels of the golden fleece, amounting in the aggregate to tens of thousands sterling. When the requirements of the manufacturers in Europe and America are urgent the Sydney Wool Exchange is a veritable pandemonium. Yesterday this condition obtained. Several hundred eyes turned on the auctioneer's hammer, several hundred voices raised in a chorus of wild shouts, men extravagantly gesticulating, thrusting themselves forward in a strenuous endeavour to catch the auctioneer's eye—to the spectator a confused, uproarious babel—such was the great entrepot yesterday. It was imperative that orders should be met. When, after a season of hard effort, this special demand exists, then the expert buyer, who is prepared to take his place in the pandemonium, must be endowed with abnormal physical qualifications. The occupant of the forum, who deftly wields his hammer and brings it down as swift as a dart, must also be wonderfully gifted in the power of recognising the voices amidst the tumultuous clamour. The deep bass, the shrill tenor, the poor falsetto weakened by over-exertion, and the hoarse guttural that is in the last stage of usefulness, do not embarrass the experienced auctioneer. But the pandemonium has a very important significance for New South Wales. It will consume £1,900,000 worth of wool in a week, and it will send up prices that will bring into the pockets of the people on the land for distribution throughout the general community another million sterling. Best of all, it is assuming larger proportions every year, and its wealth-distributing power is proportional to the progress of the State.

The Thirsty Land.—The large area of land irrigable by gravitation from the colossal Barren Jack reservoir is covered with a growth of grass that would delight the eyes of a pastoralist in the arid regions of the Western lands division. This, however, is not a normal condition of things near the Murrumbidgee River. On the contrary, the locality suffered, with other portions of the State, during the protracted drought. Indeed, the desire of the Government is to conserve a portion of the magnificent flow of water in the Murrumbidgee River in the rainy season, so as to render a large area of land on the northern side of the stream "drought-proof." It is considered necessary to supplement the work of conserving water, by showing the farmers the excellent results obtainable by its judicious application to the soil. Hence, Mr. R. T. M'Kay, assistant engineer in the water conservation branch of the Public Works Department, has, with the approval of the Minister for Works, arranged to visit the Murrumbidgee River district, and deliver a series of lectures on irrigation. The lectures will be illustrated by a number of lantern slides, showing in a vivid manner the wonderful results attending irrigation in America, Egypt, and India, as well as what has been done in the way of intense culture at Mildura—an oasis created in a Victorian mallee desert that was once the home of the wild dog.

The Lands Commission.—It is stated that his Honor Mr. Justice Owen will resume his investigation into the administration of the Lands Department directly the present law vacation ends, about the middle of next month. In the meantime the secretary, Mr. Houston, is preparing information for his Honor, whilst Mr. Bowes, who was appointed to investigate a number of accounts, and prepare a report, is carrying out his task in an exhaustive manner.

Recognition of Bravery.—A bright spot in the unfortunate incident which led to the tragic death a few weeks ago near Maitland of a locomotive engine-driver named Pead was the heroic conduct of the fireman, William Henry Pearce. When the explosion took place, enveloping the cab of the locomotive in a blinding rush of steam, and scalding Pead to death, Pearce, though escaping the direct rush of steam and boiling water, was almost suffocated by the vapour. Seeing his mate fall, and knowing that the safety of the train and the people in it depended upon its being brought to a standstill, he groped for the throttle valve, shut off steam from the cylinders, stopped the train, and had his unfortunate mate lifted on to the ground. It was a courageous act, and the Railway Commissioners have signified their appreciation of Pearce's conduct by awarding him a honorarium of £50.

Sign of a Settlement.—There has been a development in connection with the Darling Island strike which would indicate that the end is approaching. The grain labourers, who could not be induced by the members of their own union on Wednesday night to abide by the terms of the agreement, held an informal meeting at the island wharf yesterday morning, and appointed three of their representatives to interview the executive of the Stevedores' Association. This deputation had been authorised to say that the men were prepared to go back at 1s 3d per hour for all work, save the actual carrying of the bag stuff, for which they would still require to be paid 1s 6d per hour. Nothing, however, came of this move, and later in the day, one of the three started work on the shoot of the Arethusa at 1s 3d per hour.

Vandalism in the Gardens.—The vandal has laid a destructive hand on the beautiful collection of plants in the hothouses of the Botanic Gardens. The orchid-house escaped his depredations, doubtless because it was locked; but in the other enclosures 20 valuable plants—principally Dracaenas and Crotons—were damaged or destroyed. The "miscreant," as the director of the gardens in an indignant letter describes him, twisted the plants as if they were fowls' necks to be wrung, and in some cases used sufficient force to break the hardwood supporting stakes. "I have endeavoured to give the public every facility for inspecting the hothouses," Mr. Maiden says, "but when one gets a shock like this additional precautions have to be taken."

Hotel-keepers Alert.—The United Licensed Victuallers' Association is rapidly adapting itself to the new order of things brought about by the Liquor Act. At a meeting yesterday, at which there was a very full representation of the association, samples of half-gallon jars for holding Sunday's beer were submitted, and it transpired that several thousands of these capacious vessels had been ordered. They are neatly stoppered, and provided with a handle. The jar will be supplied by publicans at a nominal cost, possibly free of charge to regular customers, and will no doubt completely oust the time-honoured "square face" for conveying Saturday night's purchase for Sunday's consumption. This is a mere matter of detail, however. The association intends instituting a campaign, and run its own candidates at the next general elections. For this purpose a strong political committee will be formed, and an effort made to organise the employees of hotel, brewery, mineral waters, and allied trades. Furthermore, the administration of the Liquor Act itself is to be closely watched by the association, and it is intended to appeal against certain magisterial decisions. If the U.L.V.A. is worsted at the next elections it will not be on account of their failing to fight hard.

Naval News.—The Italian cruiser Calabria, with the Prince of Udine on board, which arrived in Sydney on the 7th inst., brought her visit to a close yesterday afternoon. As the vessel slipped her cable from the buoy in Farm Cove the ship's company was given a hearty send-off, and the Calabria cleared the Heads at 6 p.m. H.M.S. Psyche was despatched from Sydney early yesterday morning to join the fleet at Hobart. She passed through the Heads at 6.10 a.m., and signalled Jervis Bay, 87 miles to the southward, at 1 p.m. H.M.S. Wallaroo, which is homeward bound, resumed her journey from Thursday Island yesterday, and H.M.S. Katoomba, also bound from Sydney to England, passed Cape Moreton at 8.50 a.m. yesterday.

Private versus State Ventures.—In the course of his evidence before the Mail Subsidies Commission yesterday, Mr. K. Anderson emphatically contradicted the assertion that Australia was in the grip of a ring. "This ring," he said, "has no more influence on the mail tenders than the rings round the planet Saturn." He made it clear that his company would be prepared to talk business with the Commonwealth Government should it decide to run its own steamers, and that if the Commonwealth wished to buy steamers, and the Orient Company to sell them, the fact of the new venture being a State undertaking would not alter their readiness to do business. His own opinion was, however, that the Government could not do it as well or as cheaply as a private company, because the necessity for practising economies did not appeal so strongly to those who were running a State concern.

The Orient Company's Contract.—Mr. Kenneth Anderson, chairman of the Orient Steamship Navigation Company, and one of the managers of the Orient Pacific Company, gave highly important evidence yesterday before the Royal Commission which is inquiring into the question of subsidies to mail steamers. Mr. Anderson went fully into the question of the increased cost of the equipment of vessels for mail carrying purposes, and the running of them to contract time. He pointed out that the mail steamer cost more, consumed more coal, carried a larger crew, and less cargo than the vessel built primarily as a cargo carrier, with limited passenger accommodation. He pointed out that freights had steadily declined, while the cost of building and running mail steamers was always on the increase. Regarding the relations of the P. and O. and Orient companies, he said that since 1888 the P. and O. Company had received £85,000 a year, plus the proportion of their Eastern subsidies appropriated to the section between Brisbane and Colombo. In their case, that section had been paid for out of their Eastern subsidies, whilst in the case of the Orient Company it had not been paid at all. "The Commonwealth," continued the witness, "has reason to congratulate itself upon having for 17 years secured its mail services at a figure representing roughly half the cost of it. I suggest it as a reason for sympathetic consideration towards other contractors in future."

A New Steamship.—To-day the handsome new interstate passenger steamer Riverina will make her maiden visit to Sydney, and the event is regarded, in shipping circles especially, as one of very great interest. The Riverina is the latest addition to the fleet of Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Limited, and has been built at a cost of £120,000. She has accommodation for 160 first saloon, 116 second saloon, and 100 third-class passengers, and her deadweight carrying capacity is equal to 4000 tons. The Riverina is a single-screw vessel of steel, and she has a straight stem and an elliptical stern. The shelter deck runs the full length of the ship, and the first saloon dining-hall is a magnificent apartment, capable of seating 120 persons. The vessel is driven by triple-expansion engines, developing 4200 indicated horse-power, and the speed attained on the official trial was 16½ knots for eight consecutive hours.

One of the features of the A.N.A. Exhibition is a branch of Mr. F. J. Sommerhoff's Wool Institute, where visitors are enabled to see students at work in all stages of the wool business from shearing to shipping. Mr. Sommerhoff founded the institute for the purpose of giving instruction in wool-classing, wool-sorting, scouring, shed work, fellmongering, shearing, station bookkeeping, the general preparation of wool for market, and in every other branch of the business.

A meeting of policyholders of the A.M.P. Society will be held to-day to consider the proposal that the society should extend its operations abroad. The ballot will be taken on Monday. Members who have not already sent in their proxies will require to attend and vote in person.

We have received a copy of a letter sent to the secretary of the Queen Victoria Home for Consumptives by a gentleman who has promised to donate a large sum in aid of the institution, in which he completely exonerates the institution for refusing him admission. The ground on which his application was not accepted was because of short residence in the State, and not on account of his then poor circumstances.

Messrs. Callaghan and Son, of 395 George-street, announce in our advertising columns that they are now holding a specific reduction sale of footwear.

The R.A.A. Band will play in Centennial Park this afternoon, at 3.30.

The State Military Band will perform selections in Hyde Park this evening.

PERSONAL.

Sir William Lyne, Minister for Customs, arrived in Sydney yesterday from Melbourne. He experienced an exceedingly busy day at the Commonwealth offices, in Macquarie-street.

Dr. Binney, a lady graduate of the Sydney University, has been appointed surgeon to the United Friendly Societies at Longreach, Queensland.

In a recent letter to one of her relatives in Sydney, Miss Maggie Moore (Mrs. Roberts) states that at the beginning of the present year she was leaving New York with a musical comedy company on tour. Mr. Roberts was playing in the same city and doing well.

Mr. A. B. Weigall, head master of the Sydney Grammar School, returned to Sydney yesterday by the R.M.S. Britannia, after a year's holiday on the Continent and England. He has returned with renewed vigour.

Mr. Marshall Field, of Chicago, whose death was announced in yesterday's issue, was the proprietor of the largest department store in the world, and was considered to be one of the wealthiest men living. After remaining for many years a widower, Mr. Field provided the social sensation of last year by marrying again, his marriage being celebrated quietly last August, at St. George's, Hanover-square. Contrary to the expectations of those who looked for a union of January and May, the second Mrs. Field was a woman well over middle age. The officiating clergymen on this occasion received a fee of 5000 dollars.

An interesting spectator at the harvest exhibition at the Royal Exchange yesterday was Mrs. Cummins, a granddaughter of Mr. James Ruse, who planted the first wheat grown in Australia.

At the final meeting of the committee of the O'Rourke Memorial Fund held in the Mayor's room, Balmain Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, it was announced that £55 had been received from the general public, and subscriptions yet to be handed in would probably raise the total to £60. Of this amount, a sum of £25 is to be spent in erecting a headstone over the late Constable O'Rourke's grave in Rookwood Cemetery, and the balance will be handed to the widow and family. The members of the police force have raised a separate fund amounting to over £30.

Mr. Mark Coleman, aged 70, one of the oldest and most representative townsmen, died this morning (our Parkes correspondent wired yesterday. Deceased was born in Somerset. He was well known in the early days of Windsor, Bathurst, and Forbes. He erected the first building in the main street here, and was elected an alderman of the first Parkes Council, and occupied that position, with the exception of one term, until four years ago. He was also Mayor for one term, and identified with every public body. He left a widow and a large grown-up family.

The death is announced at Summer Hill, at the age of 49 years, of Captain H. J. Holland, of the Adelaide Steamship Company's service. The deceased, who was a well-known and popular master, held command for some years of the steamship Winfield, and in that capacity made several voyages from Sydney to South Africa during the Boer War. In consequence of ill-health, Captain Holland some time ago was compelled to relinquish his command.

THE DEFENCE SYSTEM.

MAJOR-GENERAL FINN'S REPORT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The first annual report under the new system has been completed by Major-General Finn, and is in the hands of the Minister for Defence. It is not available for publication, but it is understood that Major-General Finn has alluded in detail to his work performed as Inspector-General, pointing out the difficulties he has had to contend with, owing to the great distances to be traversed, in which some of the time so employed might have been taken up to better purpose. He has recommended that some of the detail work of inspection could be delegated with advantage to other officers. The report is understood to refer only incidentally to the question of finance, the General devoting himself to wider questions.

Great stress is laid on the urgency of increased shooting efficiency being encouraged among the men generally, apart from individual marksmanship, better average shooting being more desirable than crack marksmanship by a few. The tone of this part of the report is understood to be in favour of an intelligent understanding of the work and orders, as against the "goose step" form of barrack-yard drill.

TO-DAY.

A.M.P. Society: Special Meeting, Y.M.C.A. Hall, 2 p.m.
A

LIBERALS' VICTORY.

THEIR SWEEPING MARCH

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S TRIUMPH.

A HUGE MAJORITY.

THE BIRMINGHAM SEVEN

LABOUR'S VOICE IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

In the election yesterday interest centred round the Birmingham contests, Mr. Chamberlain in the Western Division of the city was elected by a majority of more than 5000 over Mr. R. L. Outhwaite, an Australian. The leader of the Tariff Reform party carried in with him Unionists and Conservatives in the other six divisions, all old members, and in speaking of this great victory Mr. Chamberlain aptly referred to the representatives of his city as "We are seven."

At Maidstone the Unionists have made another gain--the second of the election—Viscount Castlereagh being returned.

STATE OF PARTIES.

Latest available returns show the state of parties to be :—

Liberals - - -	165
Labour - - -	33
Nationalists - -	50
Unionists - -	73
Total - - -	321
Yet to be elected -	349
Liberal Gains -	85
Labour Gains - -	27
Unionist Gains -	2

THE RETURNS.

In the subjoined election returns L. denotes Liberal; Lab., Labour; C., Conservative; U., Unionist; L. U., Liberal Unionist; N., Nationalist; *, member of last Parliament.

GAINS FOR LIBERALS.

WHITEHAVEN.—BURNYEAT (L.).

MILE END (Tower Hamlets).—B. S. STRAUS (L.).

TYNEMOUTH and NORTH SHIELDS.—HERBERT CRAIG (L.).

ST. GEORGE'S (Tower Hamlets).—WEDGEWOOD BENN (L.).

GREENOCK. — HALLAY STEWART (L.).

LIMEHOUSE.—W. PEARCE (L.).

CHESTER.—A. MOND (L.).

KENSINGTON NORTH.—H. Y. STANGER, K.C. (L.).

SALISBURY (City).—TENNANT (L.).

BOW and BROMLEY (Tower Hamlets).—STOPFORD W. BROOKE (L.).

EXETER.—Sir GEO. KEKEWICH (L.).

ROTHERHITHE (Southwark).—H. W. CARR GOMM (L.).

HACKNEY SOUTH.—H. BOTTOMLEY (L.).

HACKNEY CENTRAL.—SPICER (L.).

PECKHAM (Camberwell). — CLARKE (L.).

BERMONDSEY (Southwark).—Dr. COOPER (L.).

PADDINGTON NORTH.—G. L. CHIOZZA-MONEY (L.).

HACKNEY NORTH.— HART-DAVIES (L.).

NOTTINGHAM EAST.—COTTON (L.).

CHRISTCHURCH.—ALLEN (L.).

PORTSMOUTH (Two Members),

T. A. BRAMSDEN (L.).

Sir J. BAKER (L.).

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.— DAVID DAVIES (L.), unopposed.

CONSERVATIVES AND UNIONISTS RE-ELECTED.

BIRMINGHAM WEST.

*JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN (L.U.) 7173

R. L. Outhwaite (L.) 2084

Majority for Chamberlain, 5079.

BORDESLEY (Birmingham).

*JESSE COLLINGS (L.U.) 7763

Glasier (Soc.) 3976

Majority for Collings, 3787.

EDGBASTON (Birmingham).— *F. W. LOWE (C.).

BIRMINGHAM CENTRAL. — *E. PARKES (L.U.).

BIRMINGHAM SOUTH. — *Viscount MORPETH (L.U.).

BIRMINGHAM EAST. — *Sir J. E. STONE (C.).

BIRMINGHAM NORTH. — *T. MIDDLEMORE (L.U.).

KENSINGTON SOUTH.

*EARL PERCY (C.) 4837

O'Malley (L.) 1621

Majority for Percy, 3211.

STRAND.—*W. F. D. SMITH (C.).

STEPNEY (Tower Hamlets).—*Major W. E. GORDON (C.).

WIGAN.— *Sir F. POWELL (C.).

CANTERBURY. — *J. HENNIKER HEATON (C.).

WAKEFIELD.—*E. A. BROTHERTON (C.).

ASTON MANOR. — *EVELYN CECIL (C.).

PADDINGTON SOUTH.—*Sir G. FARDELL (C.).

DULWICH. — *Dr. RUTHERFOORD HARRIS (C.).

ANTRIM SOUTH.—*CHARLES C. CRAIG (C.).

UNIONIST GAIN.

MAIDSTONE.—VISCOUNT CASTLEREAGH (C.).

LIBERALS RE-ELECTED.

WHITECHAPEL (Tower Hamlets).—*S. M. SAMUEL (L.).

HAWICK (Dist.).—*T. SHAW (L.).

SHIELDS SOUTH.—*W. S. ROBSON, K.C. (L.).

GATESHEAD.—*J. JOHNSEN (L.).

SOUTHWARK WEST.—*R. K. CAUSTON (L.).

POPLAR (Tower Hamlets).—*S. C. BUXTON (L.).

CAMBERWELL NORTH.—*T. J. MACNAMARA (L.).

ELLAND.—C. P. TREVELYAN (L.)

BOSWORTH.—Sir C. BRIGHT, K.C. (L.).

NOTTINGHAM WEST.—J. H. YOXALL (L.).

CLEVELAND (York, North Riding).—*HERBERT L. SAMUEL (L.).

MORLEY.—*A. E. HUTT (L.).

LABOUR GAINS.

NOTTINGHAM SOUTH.—RICHARDSON (Lab.).

Represented by a Conservative in the last Parliament.

FINSBURY CENTRAL.—W. C. STEADMAN (L.-Lab.).

Represented in the last Parliament by a Conservative.

LABOUR RE-ELECTED.

WOOLWICH.—*WILL CROOKS (Lab.).

THE NATIONALISTS.

NEWRY.—MOONEY (N.), unopposed.

WATERFORD WEST.—*J. J. O'SHEE (N.), unopposed.

BIRR (King's County).—*M. REDDY (N.), unopposed.

KILDARE SOUTH.—*D. KILBRIDE (N.), unopposed.

KERRY SOUTH.—*J. BOLAND (N.), unopposed.

LONGFORD SOUTH.—*E. BLAKE (N.), unopposed.

GALWAY EAST.—*J. ROACH (N.), unopposed.

TIPPERARY NORTH.—M. HOGAN (N.), unopposed.

SLIGO SOUTH.—*J. O'DOWD (N.), unopposed.

CARLOW.—*JOHN HAMMOND (N.), unopposed.

DONEGAL SOUTH.—*J. G. S. MACNEILL (N.), unopposed.

MAYO NORTH.—*CONOR O'KELLY (N.), unopposed.

NO CHANGE OF PARTY.

In the undermentioned constituencies, though the personnel of the representation has changed, the party remains the same as in the last Parliament.

EALING.—NIELD (C.).

WORCESTER (City).—G. H. WILLIAMSON (C.).

HAMPSTEAD.—FLETCHER (C.).

CARMARTHEN DISTRICT. — WILLIAMS (L.).

CARDIFF.—*IVOR GUEST (L.).

Mr. Guest was member for Plymouth in the last Parliament.

WALSALL.—DURNE (L.).

KING TO OPEN PARLIAMENT.

King Edward will open the new Parliament in State after the sittings for swearing-in of members have been completed.

UNPARALLELED TURNOVER.

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE COLONIES.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, speaking at Crieff, said that the turnover in public opinion was unparalleled since the Reform Parliament in 1832. The main issue of the election was freetrade and protection.

Under a policy of retaliation there would be favoured trades, causing scheming, manoeuvring, intriguing, and log-rolling.

The Prime Minister quoted as the most significant of the messages he had received a telegram conveying the congratulations of a meeting at Wellington, New Zealand, and dissociating the colonists from preference as a condition of loyalty.

These were the colonies, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said, which were represented as wringing their hands because Conservatives were departing from power. He rebuked the Unionists for claiming a monopoly in caring for and supporting the colonies, and he urged that the colonies ought to be treated apart from the party politics.

SOCIAL REFORM.

NO MERE TINKERING.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, speaking at Stirling last night, said that the Government would steadily undertake radical social reforms which would go to the root of existing evils. There would be no mere tinkering with great questions.

LABOUR SPEAKS.

DIRECT TO THE COMMONS.

Mr. John Morley, Secretary of State for India, speaking at Montrose, said: "Although Labour will ask for some things which I will do my best to prevent it having, the House of Commons will be a better place than ever before when it hears direct from Labour what Labour thinks."

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S VICTORY.

"WE ARE SEVEN."

The central streets of Birmingham were crowded last night, and the results of the elections, namely, the return of seven Unionists, including Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, were enthusiastically acclaimed. Mr. Chamberlain sent a message: "Well done, Birmingham. My own people have justified my confidence. I am deeply grateful to all helpers in the great victory. We are seven."

The "Times" says that the Birmingham results, besides being a splendid personal triumph for Mr. Chamberlain, are an object lesson showing that the constituency is consistent because it possesses reasoned beliefs.

A POLITICAL DELUGE.

THE CHAMBERLAIN ARK.

The "Daily News" in describing the situation speaks of it as a political deluge, and of the remnant of the Unionist party being saved in Mr. Chamberlain's ark.

"Mr. Chamberlain," the newspaper says, "has wrecked his party, and has lost his cause. Yet he keeps Birmingham by majorities as sweeping as ours. We congratulate him. He is a great townsman, and Birmingham has rewarded his life services with gratitude and affection. It puts a big personality before a great principle."

THE LABOUR VOTE AND THE UNIONISTS.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, who was rejected by Central Leeds on Tuesday, speaking at Leeds last night, said that the Labour vote had been cast against the Unionists, and had hit them this time, but it would hit the Liberals before long.

The Labour members and the Irish Nationalists would soon be allied, and the Liberals would have an unpleasant time.

Then, whether Mr. A. J. Balfour was in or out of Parliament, the turn of the Unionists would come with the swing of the pendulum to their side.

COMMENTS ON THE ELECTIONS.

FINANCIAL OPINION.

The "Financial Times" says it is admitted on all sides at the Stock Exchange that the introduction into Parliament of a strong Labour representation is a development which needs to be carefully watched.

The "Financial News" says that the Stock Exchange as a whole realises that the Government is fairly seated, and it considers that an increase of its majority would be a further bulwark against, than an incitement to, revolutionary measures.

Canadian newspapers make diversified comments on the results of the general election in Great Britain.

STOCK EXCHANGE STEADY.

Despite the success of Labour at the polls the undertone of the Stock Exchange is steady.

THE FISCAL ISSUE.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, speaking at Nuneaton, Warwickshire, last night, said it did not matter much whether retaliation was adopted now or five years hence. The later the response to colonial offers the more disturbing would be the effect. He was not sure that the present opportunity would recur.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS.

BY TRADE UNIONS.

OR BY COMPANY PROMOTING.

The "Daily Mail" in a leading article on the political situation notes that railways in the past have been grossly overrepresented in the House of Commons, and that at this election many railway directors have been ousted.

The "Daily Mail" much prefers the genuine workmen who have now been elected to a good many members who have hitherto used the House of Commons as a road to money-making by company promoting. A man, the journal continues, is just as good a member of the House of Commons if he receives a salary from a trade union as the individual who is paid a guinea for posing at meetings of directors.

HOME RULE.

FOR THE NEXT ELECTION.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, the Home Secretary, speaking at Harrogate, said that the people would have an opportunity, perhaps after five years of Liberal rule, to show whether a measure of Home Rule might be given to Ireland consistently with the safeguarding of the Empire.

IS THERE A COMPACT?

Mr. Balfour, speaking at Glasgow, complained that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was concealing the terms of his agreement with Mr. John Redmond. Mr. Balfour proceeded to warn the Government that any diminution of the navy would tempt other Powers to risk a war with us, and bring us to our knees.

THE ELECTORAL HURLY-BURLY.

Mr. Chamberlain, as everybody expected, has been returned by an immense majority for Birmingham West. He has sat for Birmingham since 1876, stepping from the Mayoral chair into the Parliamentary representation of the city. It would have been regrettable if his old friends had left him out in the cold now that he is seventy years old, and amongst the most picturesque figures in British politics. At the same time he has got a reminder that there are people even in his own Birmingham who politically know him not. In 1895, when he was Colonial Secretary, he was opposed by an anti-Parnellite, and he won the seat by 5537 to 1259. In 1900 he was still Colonial Secretary, and so far as anybody knew a staunch freetrader, and nobody dared oppose him. To-day he is a Protectionist, and a comparatively unknown man, a Mr. Outhwaite, was able to score 2084 votes against his 7173. Considering that Mr. Outhwaite is an Australian, who was chiefly known in the old country as a lecturer against the employment of Chinese on the Rand, he did not do so badly. But Mr. Chamberlain would have held his seat against anybody. The Birmingham people, recognising his great services to their city and his commanding personality, would stand by him in every conceivable circumstance. They returned him when he was a Radical, and they returned him when he was the mainstay of a Conservative Administration. They returned him when he was a supporter of Mr. Gladstone, and, later, when he was one of the leaders of the revolt from Mr. Gladstone. They returned him when he was a Freetrader of Freetraders, and now they return him when he is the head and front of a Protectionist movement. He was member for Birmingham when he scathingly denounced protection and retaliation and preferential tariffs; but he is member for Birmingham now that he advocates "reform" in these directions. It is safe to say that he will remain member for Birmingham so long as his political life lasts, unless indeed the erstwhile scorner of peers chooses to enter the House of Lords—in which case he will very likely assume the title of Earl of Birmingham. However people may oppose Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal doctrines, there will be no two opinions as to the desirability of having him in Parliament. A House of Commons without Mr. Chamberlain would be egg without salt, or salt without its savour. It certainly would not be representative of English public life.

The "We are Seven" of Mr. Chamberlain's triumphant message will not be missed by the wits and the caricaturists. "The Seven against Thebes"—the Seven Wise Men of Birmingham against the United Kingdom. One of the Seven is Mr. Jesse Collings, who has been a member of Parliament for more than a quarter of a century, and who twice during that time occupied Ministerial office; but who is chiefly known to fame as Mr. Chamberlain's loyal henchman and as the author of the brilliant policy which was to provide every man with three acres and a cow. Mr. Collings is getting on in years now—he is 75—and the probability is that he will not add largely to his achievements. But it is something for him, who was returned for Bordesley unopposed at the 1900 election, to score in the present contest, against a Socialist candidate, more votes than his chief did in West Birmingham.

Sir George Kekewich, who has won the Exeter seat for the Liberals, now makes his first essay in politics. He is not likely to lose many opportunities. Some months ago he had already paid 7000 visits to the Exeter electors, who were then represented by Sir Edgar Vincent, brother of Sir Howard, of Imperial Federation and Criminal Investigation fame. The new member, who is 64 years old, was connected with the Education Department from 1867 to 1903, finishing up as Secretary. Not unnaturally, he has strong opinions about the national system. He says that he wants to keep parsons and creeds and dogmas out of schools. He would grudge no money for the mental equipment of children, but the education must be non-theological. It is somewhat on these lines, we are told, that the Liberal Government will seek to amend the Education Act.

Mr. H. W. Carr-Gomm, who has been returned for the Rotherhithe division of Southwark, is said to be the youngest Liberal member of the new House. He is a prominent official of the London Liberal Federation, and as such did a deal of useful preliminary work. The capture of Rotherhithe is a distinct Liberal gain. The member in the last Parliament, Mr. J. C. Macdona—noticeable as having been a clergyman, a barrister, and a traveller who wrote interesting books about his travels—was what he called "a progressive Conservative."

Mr. G. H. Williamson, who succeeds Mr. Allsopp as Conservative member for Worcester, is one of those curiously-constructed politicians who can follow both Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain in their fiscal vagaries. He announced himself to the intelligent electors of Worcester as "a stanch supporter" of the ex-Prime Minister, and at the same time in sympathy with Mr. Chamberlain's "moderate and practicable" proposals. He is a local hardware manufacturer, and has held civic office.

The five that go, with Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Collings, to make up the "Seven of Birmingham," are Mr. F. W. Lowe, a solicitor, who has sat for Edgbaston since 1898; Mr Ebenezer, son of Mr. Israel, Parkes, an ironmaster, who was first elected for Central Birmingham 10 years ago; Mr. J. T. Middlemore, a manufacturer, who came in for the north division in 1899; Sir J. B. Stone, who has represented East Birmingham since 1895; and Viscount Morpeth, who was first elected for the south division in 1904. Now of these five the first three were born at Edgbaston, and the fourth in Birmingham. Mr. Chamberlain himself was born in London, but his father was a Birmingham man, and he himself spent his business life in Birmingham. Mr. Collings was born in Devonshire, but he, too, was in business and in civic life for many years in Birmingham. Viscount Morpeth, the last of the "Seven"—well, the historians do not say where he was born. With the exception of this young gentleman, the "Seven" are Birmingham born and bred, or Birmingham bred only.

Canterbury, as we ventured to anticipate, has proved true to Mr. Henniker Heaton, who has represented the city for 20 years now.

One does not hear much of the Hon. Edward Blake these days, and it is a pleasure to hear that he has been returned unopposed for Longford South, a constituency which he has represented since 1892. He bore a distinguished part in Canadian politics, until in 1891 he retired from the Liberal leadership as a protest against the party's proposal to institute a policy of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States. He is well into the seventies now, and may perhaps regret that he declined the offer of the Chief Justiceship of the Dominion made to him years ago. The Irish party which he adorns refuses to be led by him. Instead there are Mr. Redmond and Mr. Dillon, not to mention Mr. Healy and Mr. William O'Brien.

There is a certain gratifying consistency about the fact that one of the two Unionist gains recorded is the wresting of the Maidstone seat from the Liberals by Viscount Castlereagh, a descendant of the statesman so intimately concerned in the establishment of the union.

LABOUR CONGRATULATIONS.

At last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council, Mr. Edward Riley, the employees' representative on the Arbitration Court, referred to the success of the Labour candidates at the elections in Great Britain. When it was remembered that Labour had had to pay all the expenses for contesting the electorates, including the cost of the returning officer and of the ballot papers, he said, the success was the more to be appreciated. No doubt the decision of the highest courts in the Taff Vale case had forced the workers there to look to a remedy in the Legislature. The Arbitration Act, or any other Act, was a mere palliative compared to what could be done by Parliament. When they saw such victories in Great Britain, they, as workers in Australia, felt that they could join in the sweets of them. The victories showed that the workers of the old country were shaking off their shackles. (Hear, hear.) He was glad to see that those who had not signed the Labour pledge had been opposed, because it was necessary to have a solid party to achieve any reforms. He moved,—"That this council communicates with the workers of England, and congratulates them upon their successes, at the same time expressing the hope that they will have further victories."

Mr. Boxall, an ex-president of the council, seconded the motion, stating that the victories were marvellous in the face of all the difficulties.

The motion was carried with great enthusiasm, the applause lasting for some time.

THE BARQUE COIMBATORE.

POSTED LOST.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The barque Coimbatore, from Newcastle to Port Elizabeth, has been posted lost. It is believed that she foundered after collision with the barque Zanita, off Cape Leeuwin.

The information on which the barque is posted missing is evidently based on the first and incomplete message from the Zanita.

THE UNION BANK.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

The annual report of the Union Bank of Australia recommends the payment of a dividend of 10 per cent. A sum of £10,000 is placed to the bank premises in the colonies account, £4000 to the officers' guarantee and provident funds, £15,000 to the reserve fund, and £28,000 is carried forward.

[A comparison with the previous balance-sheet is given in our financial column.]

A NEW STEAM ENGINE.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

A London syndicate has secured 8000 shares in the company formed to promote the building of Werry's engine. The Thames Ironworks, Shipbuilding, and Engineering Company is building one of Werry's engines capable of driving a torpedo boat for demonstration purposes.

The Werry Company was formed in Victoria to acquire the patent rights of the Werry patent balance non-vibrating engine, invented by Mr. W. C. Werry, of Bendigo.

MEAT FOR MALTA.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The Malta authorities report that the duties on live cattle and frozen meat have been equalised. The Agents-General are making further representations on the matter, as they consider that frozen meat is still prejudicially affected.

TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

The excellent travelling agricultural exhibition sent to London by New South Wales is arousing much interest in the chief market towns in the West of England.

A motor-car from Canada, laden with exhibits, is also touring the West of England.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

At the wool sales to-day there was a brisk demand and good competition. Shabby merinos barely fetched the rates realised at the last sales.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

At the wool sales the following prices were realised for the undermentioned clips:—Motlock, 8d; Bowen Downs, 9½d; Canally, 10½d; Abundance, 10½d; Burenda, 11½d; Poukawa, 12½d; Belalie, 22½d.

OBITUARY.

BARON RICHTHOFEN.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The death is announced of Baron von Richthofen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Empire.

Baron von Richthofen became Minister for Foreign Affairs of the German Empire when Prince (then Count) Bulow was promoted Imperial Chancellor. The geographer and traveller of the same name as the late statesman died about eight weeks ago.

FRENCH PRESIDENT.

M. FALLIERES ELECTED.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

M. Fallieres, President of the Senate, has been elected President of the French Republic, in succession to M. Loubet, who retires by the effluxion of time. The voting of the Legislature was:—

FALLIERES	449
DOUMER	371

M. Doumer is President of the Chamber of Deputies.

RUSSIA.

WORKERS' LEADERS ARRESTED.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

The whole of the members of the Council of the Workmen's Delegates at St. Petersburg have been arrested on the ground that the council is a revolutionary organisation exclusively employed to terrorise over workmen.

Revolutionaries at Penza, East Russia, have assassinated General Lizovsky because of his harshness in suppressing disturbances.

Admiral Dubasoff, the Governor-General of Moscow, in a new year's address described the revolution as being the work of Jews.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have arrived at Mandalay, in Upper Burmah.

RECOVERY OF MANCHURIA.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

The Marquis Ito, the Japanese statesman, strongly censures Baron Komura, who was Minister for Foreign Affairs, for not obtaining from China a grateful public acknowledgment of the recovery of Manchuria by Japan.

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The International Conference on Morocco affairs now being held at Algeciras, near Gibraltar, is proceeding amicably.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

The chief engineer of the Panama Canal has informed the Interoceanic Canals Committee that American labour cannot dig the canal. He considers it would be best to employ Chinese to do the work.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

The British naval authorities have surveyed Labuan waters, off Borneo, preparatory to establishing a naval base in the former island.

Miss Bess Norris, of Melbourne, has been elected an associate of the Royal Society of Miniature Painters.

SILVER.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 6 3-16d per ounce standard, an advance of 3-16d since yesterday.

PEARL SHELLING.

TORRES STRAITS ABANDONED.

FLEET LAID UP.

FALL IN THE PRICE OF SHELL.

After a visit extending over a period of four months to the pearl-shelling centres in Torres Straits and in Dutch waters, Mr. Herbert Bowden, of the firm of Messrs. Bowden Brothers, proprietors of a large and important pearl-shelling fleet in Torres Straits, returned to Sydney yesterday by the E. and A. Company's steamer Australian. A few days ago it was intimated that the fleets of Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, and of Messrs. Bowden Brothers had been laid up at Thursday Island, and that the New Guinea native labourers were being sent to their homes. Mr. Herbert Bowden yesterday afternoon said that it was true that the fleets had been tied up, and the natives paid off, but this course was always followed during the north-west monsoon, when pearling operations could not be carried on. The future, however, was one of uncertainty, and the owners of pearling fleets had not yet definitely decided upon the course of action to be taken.

"I don't think that the sweeping statement," Mr. Bowden remarked, "that the decline of the Torres Straits pearling industry is due entirely to Commonwealth legislation is justifiable. I do, however, admit that the Alien Restriction Act has very materially increased the difficulties under which we are labouring, but personally the utmost consideration and courtesy have been extended by the Commonwealth authorities in all my dealings with them connected with the securing of labour as far as the law will permit. It is time now, I think, for the Government to remove a number of the difficulties in our way. The industry is an important one, and can never be worked by white labour alone—such a proposal is regarded by those who know anything about pearl-shelling as absolutely absurd."

THE MAIN CAUSES.

"Torres Straits is in a very bad way, due principally to the high rate of wages ruling, consequent upon the scarcity of labour, and also to the recent depression in the home market. We have been selling shell at a lower price than it costs to produce, for there have been heavy falls in values. Three years ago pearlshell was bringing £350 per ton, but it receded in price, until the absolutely unremunerative price of £85 was reached. The last sales, however, were better, and averaged for good shell about £150 per ton. We are waiting for the result of the pearl-shell sales in London this week, and if the price remains firm at £150 per ton it may induce a number of us to fit out again."

While Mr. Bowden was thus speaking on the subject of the price of pearl-shell, he was handed a cablegram from London, and remarked:—

"Yes, the market has declined, for pearl-shell has fallen in price to the extent of £25 per ton. The very best picked shell, according to my advice to-day, realised only £130 per ton on the average, while ordinary shell is lower. It cannot be raised at that figure. The cablegram means that we will not send out our fleets again. A few of the boats may be equipped to keep the station as a going concern, if labour can be secured at a low rate of wage, but it may be taken for granted that there will be very little, if any, schooner pearling done this year in Torres Straits. The two fleets of Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co. and those of the Queensland Pearl Fishing Company and Bowden Brothers comprise 76 or 80 luggers and four schooners, and in all probability the bulk of these, perhaps the whole, will be laid up. There is a possibility that some of the boats now employed in Torres Straits will go to the Dutch fields, but nothing has so far been decided.

"The beds in Torres Straits are being slightly denuded. Owing to this fact we have now to procure very much better and more expensive plant, in order that we may go further afield in search of new beds. There are very large quantities of shell yet to be won in Torres Straits, but it is much more difficult to get now-a-days."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

STATE COMPETITION.

PERTH, Thursday.

A deputation, consisting of members of the Chamber of Manufactures and representatives of the leading iron manufacturers of the State, and of men employed in private ironworks, waited on the Minister for Works, Mr. Wilson, to-day to protest against an extension of the departmental system of carrying out Government works by day labour. Mr. Wilson said that while on the one hand he would never be a party to the Government paying an unfair price to any manufacturer or employer for goods purchased, he would not hesitate to say that so long as a fair price was charged, he did not think private enterprise should be unnecessarily interfered with by State competition.

STATE'S PROTEST.

AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH.

SIR W. LYNE'S VIEWS.

ALL MR. REID'S FAULT.

"I took the opportunity," said Sir William Lyne yesterday to a "Herald" representative, "to read the report in your journal of the meeting of protest held last evening in the Town Hall with respect to the delay on the part of the Federal Parliament in settling upon a site for the Federal capital. I did so whilst travelling in the Melbourne express from Moss Vale to Sydney yesterday morning."

"And what do you think of the opinions expressed by the speakers?"

"Well, I should first like to say that a glance at the names of those present on the platform showed me that many of them belonged to the old freetrade party. I noticed that Sir Normand MacLaurin did not say much. He merely moved a vote of thanks to the chairman. What strikes me as rather curious is the fact that the speakers confined their attack mainly to the Postmaster-General, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Chanter, and myself. Why did they refrain from attacking other New South Wales Federal members who did not vote for the site wanted by the complainers? Why did they not, for instance, attack Mr. Watson? To me the thing savours of old political bias."

What about the charge that an unwarrantable delay is taking place in dealing with the matter, and that Victoria has shown herself antagonistic to the rights of New South Wales?

WHO IS TO BLAME?

"Well, and who is to blame for the delay? Surely not the Federal Parliament. The blame must rest on the New South Wales Government that was in office when the question of the Federal capital was first raised. That Government did not indicate the wishes of the people of New South Wales on the matter. The 'Herald' put it clearly and forcibly in a leading article in to-day's issue, when it stated that the delay in settling the Federal capital question was due to the neglect of New South Wales to decide, in the true spirit of the Federal compact, on a site which could be recommended to the Federal Legislature. But why don't these grumblers go to the root of the whole matter? Why don't they attack Mr. Reid for allowing the 100 miles limit from Sydney to be adopted at the secret meeting of State Premiers held in Melbourne?

"It is now well known that if Mr. Reid had stood firm at the conference, the 100 miles limitation would never have been adopted. Why place the blame for all this trouble on the shoulders of men not responsible for causing it, whilst the real authors of the trouble are allowed to go scot free?

"Another thing that impressed me a little is the fact that no charge is made against the Federal Parliament of a distinctive character. It is all generalities. I would like people to draw up a list of cases showing wherein New South Wales has not received fair consideration. Then as to this tirade of abuse in the case of Victoria. It is not justified, and is, therefore, unfair.

"If people would only read the history of the establishment of the Federal capitals of the United States and Canada, they would not contend that there was an unjustifiable delay in dealing with the matter here. Many years elapsed before the Federal capital was fixed at Washington. In Canada the citizens of the Dominion never succeeded in settling the difficulty. It was left to the British Government to do that.

THE PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.

"It is a remarkable circumstance that until Mr. Carruthers moved his resolutions in the Legislative Assembly the public were unaware of the terms of the resolution agreed to at the Premiers' secret conference in reference to the location of the Federal capital. For the first time I learned it was agreed, as far as words go to prove anything, that the site of the capital should be as near as possible to the 100 miles limit. Why was that decision not made known to the people by some of the Premiers, especially by the then Premier of New South Wales? Had it been made known at the time, it might have saved a great deal of the trouble that has since arisen over the whole question."

VICTORIA.

SILTING OF THE YARRA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A complaint was made yesterday at a meeting of the Harbour Trust that the steamer Flora was unable to berth at the 50-ton crane in the Yarra owing to the accumulation of silt. A further complaint was made that the Maheno had to be pulled bodily out into the channel from the wharf. The Commissioners said that the storm a fortnight ago had washed down a large accumulation of silt from above Princes Bridge. It was decided to bring a dredge to work above Spencer-street jetty.

POLICE COMMISSION.

The Police Commission resumed its sittings to-day. Constable Curran, who was deputed to speak on behalf of a meeting of constables, and Arthur Colwell, watch-house-keeper at Bourke-street West, gave evidence, and made a number of suggestions for what they considered the more effective working of the force. Plain Clothes Constable Tucker also gave evidence, and said he was prepared to remain a plain clothes policemen rather than join the detective force, because the hours of detectives were too long. He believed, however, that detectives should be recruited from the plain clothes police.

COAL CREEK MINE.

The Geological Director, in a report to the Minister for Mines on Coal Creek Mine, remarks on the small output from the mine—70 tons per day. He suggests that bores be put down in the vicinity to test the coal beds, and that a more vigorous policy be adopted, so as to increase the output and enable the property to be more satisfactorily worked. He further suggests that more use be made of by-products.

Otto Schrader, a passenger, travelling between Dimboola and Serviceton, leaped from the train while it was going at full speed, and sustained severe injuries.

The Chamber of Mines has expressed itself averse to the proposal to hold an international exhibition, but it is favourable to an interstate one.

The council of the Chamber of Agriculture does not view with favour the proposal to hold an International Exhibition in Melbourne.

Plans for an inebriate retreat, which it is intended to erect in Royal Park, have been prepared.

A special train last night ran through a flock of 2000 sheep near Casterton, and killed 150.

To date 55 tons of marble from Caloola, New South Wales, have been used in the architectural portion of the Queen Victoria Memorial Statue, and it is estimated that 45 tons more will be required.

A splendid response has been made by State school children to the appeal on behalf of the Children's Hospital. The total amount realised was £813, and the expenses were only £16 11s 6d, leaving a net amount of £796 16s 8d to be handed over to the Children's Hospital. The subscriptions were for the most part in pennies.

A conference of State School inspectors will be held on January 30 and 31. Each inspector will be asked to prepare a short statement upon some branch of teaching, in which he is particularly interested, and discussion will follow.

TASMANIA.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

HOBART, Thursday.

Applications will be shortly invited for the position of Commissioner of Police now vacant.

BIG HAUL OF FISH.

One hundred and eighty dozen barracoota were caught off Derwent lighthouse yesterday by the owner of the steam launch Express, Mr. W. Burnett. This morning he distributed the fish gratuitously among the Hobart poor.

SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY QUESTION.

HOBART, Thursday.

A firm of Hobart grocers having broken away from the Saturday half-holiday compact, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall to-night. It proved demonstratively enthusiastic in affirming public support to the movement. An influential deputation was appointed to wait on the firm, urging reconsideration of their attitude.

SHIPPING STRIKE.

SIGNS OF A SETTLEMENT.

FREE LABOURERS AT WORK.

A TEST OF THEIR ENDURANCE.

More work is being done at Darling Island by the free labourers, but the quantity of wheat being shipped is quite infinitesimal as compared with the days of last week when the regular carriers were at work. Contrary to the expectations of the unionists, the majority of those who had done the work on Wednesday put in an appearance yesterday. When the mid-day adjournment came, they had gone through a very severe ordeal. Owing to want of experience in handling and in carrying, the weight of some of the heavy bags, instead of being borne on their shoulders, was distributed all over their backs, and the friction on the skin with the perspiration caused by the arduous nature of the work combined to test their powers of endurance.

THE WORK IN PROGRESS.

Not only did the majority of those men who had worked on the first day re-appear on the scene, but the number of people along the wharfs included many other applicants for employment, in response to the notification in the advertising columns of the press. The stevedores and representatives of the employers were down at an early hour to start all hands, they being anxious to get the vessels loaded. About 40 hands all told were secured for work on the steamer Eva, which is being stevedored by Mr. C. Lundin, for Messrs. J. Darling and Sons, the outward agents. Two gangs were at work in the forenoon, and an extra gang in the afternoon. Mr. J. W. Alexander, who is stevedoring the German barque Wega (for which Messrs. James Bell and Co. are the outward agents), had two gangs at work in the forenoon, and three gangs in the afternoon. It is expected that this vessel will be completed in time to get away this week.

At the French barque Charles Goumod Messrs. R. Moran and Co., stevedores, had two gangs at work. Messrs. R. Little and Co. are the outward agents for this vessel. The French barque Jean, which took up a berth at the island on Wednesday evening, was provided with a portion of her cargo by the stevedoring firm of Wm. Brown and Co., Ltd. W. and A. McArthur, Limited, are the outward agents. At the start there were 13 men at work loading the Jean, and most of these were the firm's regular hands, who, though being union men, would not sacrifice their positions with their employers for the sake of the extra threepence per hour. A start was made in the afternoon by Mr. Alexander to load the Arethusa, for which Messrs. James Bell and Co. are the outward agents. One gang was at work on this vessel. Other work was done in the new shed, on behalf of non-associated stevedores, who agreed to pay the 1s 6d per hour.

UNION OFFICIALS' VIEWS.

Several representatives of the Wharf Labourers' Union, who were seen in the afternoon by a representative of the "Sydney Morning Herald," said they would not attempt to justify the stand which the grain labourers had taken up, as it was quite unconstitutional. They pointed out that there was a majority of three or four to one at Wednesday night's meeting in favour of the terms of the agreement being adhered to, notwithstanding that the malcontents had attended almost to a man. They stated, furthermore, that the action of these labourers in discontinuing work was totally opposed to the resolution which had been carried in general meeting just prior to the terms of the agreement being signed. The situation had now reached a stage when the union could do nothing. Men could not be forced to work if they would not work of their own free will, but the union was very anxious that the men would see the anomaly of the position they had taken up, and seek work under the terms agreed upon. Unionism, they added, was intended to give strength; but it would be useless if a small section of an organisation should defy the will of the majority.

OVERTURES TO THE EMPLOYERS.

Some of the leading voices in the ranks of the strikers declared yesterday that the men had now come down a point, and would be prepared to accept 1s 3d for all employment except for the exceptionally heavy work of carrying. As a matter of fact, they said, it had been decided at an informal meeting on the wharf to appoint three of their number to bring this new phase of the situation under the notice of stevedores.

Inquiries were made later in the day to ascertain whether any such proposal had been made in an official way. The information available was to the effect that overtures had been made for a settlement by such a compromise, but that the terms could not be accepted, since the employers had bound themselves down to an agreement, made in conformity with the law and with the approval of the duly-appointed representatives of the Wharf Labourers' Union. Now that the Railway Commissioners had agreed to stop the despatch of wheat from the country stations until after Monday next, the employers expressed their belief that they would be able to release the trucks on hand within a reasonable time, and so prevent a further blockade of the railway system. It was also stated that one of the three unionists appointed on the deputation had subsequently commenced work at 1s 3d per hour on the shoot of the Afethusa.

THE DAY'S TALLY.

On behalf of Messrs. James Bell and Co., the quantity of wheat shipped yesterday on two vessels aggregated about 600 tons

TARIFF COMMISSION.

ORIGIN OF THE STRIPPER HARVESTER.

LOCAL FIRM'S SUCCESS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In continuing his evidence before the Tariff Commission to-day, John Mitchell, agricultural implement maker, said that as compared with America, Australian manufacturers were at a disadvantage of 25 per cent., owing to the longer hours worked by Americans. Australian workmen did not like piecework.

Senator Higgs: Is it your opinion that piecework takes so much out of men as to make them prematurely old?—I do not see it.

Is the Australian workman as skilled and capable a man as the American?—The Australian is the more skilled man owing to the large use of machinery in America.

Does not piecework tend to cause work to be scamped?—I fear that it does.

Senator M'Gregor: Would the increased duty not increase the price of harvesters to the consumer?—It would cheapen them. There would be more work. Men would become more expert, and articles would become cheaper.

Senator Clemons: What is the lowest price you charged for harvesters?—£81.

Witness said he could not produce a copy of the trade agreement without consent of the other siguers, although it was no longer effective. It was an agreement to bind all to a fair price, which was £81 for harvesters. There was an agreement in each State.

Alfred S. Patterson, general manager of the Massey-Harris Company for Australia, stated that a strong effort had been made by other witnesses to convey the impression that fictitious, dishonest, and faked invoices, showing amounts much below the proper value, were presented at the Customs. The Massey-Harris Company had been importing harvesters since 1901, and from the first had invoiced them at 185dol., which was equivalent to £38. It was utterly false to say that there had been undervaluation for Customs purposes. One of the most trusted members of the Canadian Civil Service had investigated the subject by an inspection of the books of the company, and had reported that there was no undervaluation. In connection with the recent controversy with regard to values, the Canadian Minister of Customs had also investigated prices at which stripper harvesters were exported to South America. The Massey Harris Company had sold harvesters to Buenos Ayres at £46, or the equivalent of £38 13s in the factory. It was not true that machines had ever been invoiced to South America at £60. The quotation given by De Haan, of Milan, £65, was for a single machine, which left a profit of £4 2s to the London house. Machines invoiced at £38 at factory, and sold in Australia at £81, left a profit of £3 1s 9d per machine. When the cost of landing, distribution, etc., were taken into account, with no allowance for bad debts and general management, sales showed better results. If £60 were the fair value at Toronto the local cost would be £103, leaving a loss of £22. The prosperity of the local harvester manufacturers had been so obvious under the present tariff that they had to admit it. Mr. McKay allowed that the output had been increasing ever since he began business, and that from 75 machines in 1897 it had grown to 301 in 1899, and to over 1500 in 1904. In 1897 he offered to sell his business to the Massey Harris Company for £10,000, and to accept a position with the company. His business had progressed so remarkably under the present tariff that to-day it could not be purchased for many times £10,000, and he himself had risen from being a struggling man to one well to do. Australian makers were exporting to South America and other foreign ports, where they were at a great disadvantage in comparison with his company, on account of freights. It was alleged that the stripper harvester was entirely an Australian invention. If early Gallic and English machines were left out of consideration, the American patent of Moore and Hascall, in 1836, embodied not only stripping and threshing mechanism, but a winnowing device as well, and antedated Vidley's plain stripper by some seven years. Further, Roberts' machine, patented in February, 1858, which bore such striking resemblance to McKay's "Sunshine" of 1891, appeared simultaneously with the first Australian combined harvester, Mellor's patent, only four months before, in October, 1857. The interval was far too short in those sailing days to permit of communication between two countries, or to allow Roberts to have any knowledge of Mellor's patent. The modern grain and fertiliser drill was practically entirely an American implement. It was not too much to say that the advent of the modern drill, which made possible the general use of chemical fertilisers, had saved farming from ruin in South Australia.

The Commission adjourned till the following day.

COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATION.

ENGLISH CRITICISM.

The December number of the "Journal of the Royal Colonial Institute" contains the text of a paper read by Mr. W. J. Sowden, of South Australia, dealing with "the Anglo-Australia position from an Australian point of view." Mr. A. R. Butterworth led off the discussion by saying:—"Australia is a very fine country, but I cannot help remembering what its Legislatures have sometimes done, and I cannot help thinking when it is said, as has been said to-night, that it is 'one of the freest, if not absolutely the freest' country in the world, that it is not altogether quite so free a country as the lecturer has portrayed. What about freedom of contract? What about the freedom of men to work the number of hours they choose? What is the fate of a barber in Sydney who shaves a man at half-past 8 on Friday night? He is liable to a heavy fine: he must not work out of the hours prescribed by Act of Parliament. Not only must he not employ any man to work beyond a certain hour, but he cannot do it himself." Mr. Butterworth went on to say that if he, as a barrister, was prevented from working when he chose, many of his briefs would have to be returned. Speaking of the New South Wales Conciliation and Arbitration Act, Mr. Butterworth said that was an Act which purported to compel employers, when they had disputes with their workmen, and workmen having disputes with their employers, to refer the matter to the Arbitration Court, which decided whether the master should continue the work and at what wages. Those provisions might be workable, but the way in which the Act had been worked showed him that whenever the shearers or workmen of different kinds had a dispute with their employers, the Government had enforced the Act against the employers, and that whenever the appeal had been on the part of the employers, the Government of the day had not dared to enforce it. "Mr. Sowden," continued Mr. Butterworth, "deplores the 'crass stupidity' displayed in connection with the six hatters' case. Now, the Federal Government, I take it, were bound to enforce the law. The crass stupidity was not in anything that was done, but in the law; and the law is the same to this day, and any person who goes out to Australia under contract is not to land unless he gets an exemption from goodness knows whom."

Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton contributed to the discussion some thoughts on Australia's attitude toward Japan. "It is good policy," he said, "to be on good terms with Japan. They are our allies, in many respects their ideas are ours, and we cannot but feel that they deserve our respect. But the tone of the speeches about the Japanese and the legislation against them in Australia are something very different. If they go to Japan, Australians claim the right that appertains to every British subject by treaty to go wherever they please. Now the day may come when the Japanese may say, 'We do not see why we should not accept your principles and make the same use of them ourselves.' If that is so, we may find the Australians are adopting a policy of hostility which is directly contrary to our policy. I do not want to find fault, but I want Australians to feel we have some voice in the matter as well as they; it may be a rift in the lute which may grow wider and wider, and spoil the music. At any rate, the matter is one which I hope will receive attention."

THE TOCUMWAL RAILWAY.

VICTORIAN BORDER STATION.

EFFECT ON THIS STATE.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

While at Tocumwal recently Bishop Gallagher saw Mr. Bent, the Victorian Premier, who was paying a visit to inquire into the best site for a railway station on the Victorian side of the Murray at that township. The Bishop states that the erection of such a station is a matter which should be brought under the notice of the New South Wales Railway Commissioners. On this side the nearest railway station to Tocumwal is Finley, about 40 miles distant, whereas the Victorian railway comes to the border.

Tocumwal is a rich agricultural district. There are large numbers of sheep farmers, who, rather than travel to Finley, simply cross the border. The loss of the carriage of the present wheat harvest is a serious item. If the station is built on the Victorian side of the river business people, Bishop Gallagher points out, will remove there, causing a division of the town, which would injure this State.

EVER FAMOUS.

FISHER'S Phosphorine for THE NERVES, HEAD, AND STOMACH.—Advt.

STANFORD-MERTHYR DISASTER.

INQUEST CONTINUED.

EVIDENCE OF THE MANAGER.

KURRI KURRI, Thursday.

The inquest respecting the death of John William Jones, who was killed by an explosion at Stanford-Merthyr colliery on October 29, was continued to-day at Kurri Kurri Court-house, before Mr. A. Pryor, District Coroner, and a jury of six.

Henry Morgan Williams, manager of Stanford-Merthyr colliery, said that he first knew the colliery was on fire at 20 minutes to 3 in the morning of October 29. His house, which was 300 yards from the mine, was full of smoke. He ran to the colliery and saw smoke belching from the main tunnel. There was no smoke coming from the little tunnel, or from the fan drift. The fan was working about 28 revolutions to the minute. The smoke was in dense black volumes. Other colliery officials arrived in a few minutes. He went down the little tunnel to the first level, and looking along the level between the two tunnels he saw thick smoke. He could see no flame, but he could feel that the smoke was hot. The smoke was stationary. He went up the tunnel and forced open two doors leading to the fan drift. He went into the fan drift, but saw no smoke there. He then went to the surface, stopped the fan, and decided to seal the little tunnel and fan drift with temporary stopping made of timber and brattice cloth. Just at this time the deputies went down the little tunnel to the level, and heard crackling of fire. He superintended operations, and at about 5 o'clock left the little tunnel for the colliery office. Immediately he saw flames burst out of the main tunnel, and leap 25ft in the air. At about 11 o'clock he was in the little tunnel, where a brick stopping was being erected. Suddenly the temporary wooden stopping was blown down, and smoke came through. They left the tunnel. It was not an explosion. Safety lamps were used until the permanent stopping was started, when flare lamps were used. The safety lamps were used because the air current was blowing with hurricane force. He did not consider it was necessary to use safety lamps because there was no possibility of inflammable gas. At about half-past 7 the flames subsided in the main tunnel. At that time the bricklayers went in the little tunnel and fan drift to build permanent brick stoppings, and preparations were made to fill the main tunnel with earth. At 11 o'clock, when the temporary stopping was blown away, the air current reversed in the fan drift. Smoke came out, and the wooden stopping there was blown out. After some minutes the air current resumed its normal flow. At this time the men were out of the tunnel, but he went back to be sure that no one was left there. His theory in regard to the wooden stopping being knocked down was that the fire had burned out the timber in the roof, the first level, that the roof had fallen, and changed the current of air. He did not favour the theory that an explosion occurred then. He knew that explosions were liable to occur during the operation of sealing-off a fire. While he was standing in the mouth of the tunnel conferring with the general manager, Mr. A. Thomas, and others, an explosion occurred, and he was knocked senseless. He knew nothing of what occurred afterwards. He attributed that explosion to coal gas, distilled from heated coal extending along the level into the little tunnel. When the fire was confined the gas would be either consumed or driven up to the other side, and carried on to the flames of the second fire. He was certainly of opinion that there was a second fire, because flame was seen in both tunnels. The space between the two fires was caused, he thought, by the fact that the fire in the main tunnel was near the surface, and it worked downward against the fresh air. The fire having been burning from 4 a.m., it would have downward past the first level. Therefore, if a fall occurred near No. 1 level flat, it would spread the fire in all directions. He was not aware of any danger at the time from inflammable gases. He thought the fire started shortly before it was discovered, but he did not think it would be more than thirty minutes at the most. He did not hear bells ring, but was told they did so. As far as he knew there was no person in the mine to ring the bells. He could not imagine a fall bringing the wires together. There was only one report of gas in the official books. He came across heated matter on one occasion while sinking a shaft for ventilation purposes, but it was not coal, only a mixture of fire-clay and perished coal. He had never received a report about heated coal in bords or tops. The inquest was further adjourned.

ODDFELLOWS' MEETINGS.

GOULBURN DISTRICT.

COOMA, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Goulburn district M.U. Order of Oddfellows was continued to-day. It was agreed to amend general rule 5 so as to provide that each deputy who attends the grand annual movable committee shall be provided with first-class accommodation to and from the place of meeting, and the nearest lodge room, and £1 each day he sits, these amounts to be paid from the Unity management fund. P.D.G.M. Bro. Wilkie was appointed district valuator. The next annual meeting will be held at Murrumburrah. A presentation of a suit of regalia was made to P.D.G.M. Bro. Jones. The visiting delegates were entertained at a concert last night, were driven to the Murrumbidgee River to-day, and left by train this evening.

CASUALTIES.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

GULGONG, Thursday.

The Coroner held an inquiry yesterday afternoon with respect to the death of Charles Herbert Avery, aged 26, miner, single, who was found dead at Home Rule yesterday morning, with a bullet wound in the forehead, and a rifle lying by the body, a number of cartridges being on a stump. A verdict of accidental death was recorded. Deceased lived with his mother. He was of a sober and cheerful disposition, with no apparent trouble. The rifle when full-cocked was very easily discharged.

EXPLOSION OF GAS.

COLLARENEBRI, Thursday.

Last night Mrs. J. Barrett, wife of the proprietor of the Royal Hotel, and a Chinaman cook were badly burned through an explosion of acetylene gas. It appears the generator was not replenished yesterday, consequently the lights became dim about 10 o'clock, and Mrs. Barrett went to assist the cook to replenish the carbide. During the process a match was struck, and an explosion immediately occurred. Dr. Matheson attended the sufferers, who are both badly burned about the face and hands.

ACCIDENTS IN THE BUSH.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

A man named Charles Cooper was admitted to the hospital suffering from a broken thigh, caused by falling over a sliprail. Cooper, who is 84 years of age, was 24 hours in the bush before being discovered, and he was then unconscious, with his eyes full of ants.

John Smith was prospecting at Yulgilbah when a fall of earth occurred, burying him, and injuring his legs. He managed to get clear, and crawled three miles in the dark, through two creeks, until heard by his mates at the camp.

MINING ACCIDENT.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

An Austrian named John Barry was severely injured this morning by some pieces of rock falling on his head while working in a stope at the 1200ft level of the Great Boulder mine.

HOBART, Thursday.

William Richardson, 76, was burnt to death at Sandford yesterday. He had been smoking, and accidentally fired a small haystack.

ORANGE, Thursday.

A young man named Thomas Corse met with a serious accident yesterday near Blayney. He was on top of a stack of hay helping to build it, and accidentally fell, striking a pitchfork, which entered his stomach.

Mr. Thomas Fardell, a storekeeper at East Orange, met with a nasty accident yesterday morning. He was making some shelving when a chisel he was using slipped, and entered the fleshy part of the thumb of the left hand, completely severing the arteries.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

A youth named J. Blake had his foot badly crushed by a skip running over it at Keira mine.

ARBITRATION COURT ELECTION.

The time for receiving nominations for the position of employees' representative on the bench of the Arbitration Court expired at 5 p.m. yesterday at the office of the Industrial Arbitration Court. Mr. Addison, the Registrar, announced that the following nominations had been received:—Mr. Edward Riley (Plasterers' Union), the sitting member; Mr. J. Thirlwell, secretary of the Western District Miners' Union; and Mr. David Moon, secretary of the Operative Bakers' Association of New South Wales. The election will take place at the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, at 7.30 this evening.

QUEENSLAND.

HOME RULE AGITATION.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

A public meeting was held at Toowoomba yesterday in favour of Home Rule for Ireland. A resolution was passed hailing with satisfaction that the general election in the United Kingdom was likely to result in the return of a Parliament that will favourably recognise the claims of Ireland. The sum of £127 was collected in the room in aid of the funds of the Nationalist party, and it is stated the sum will be largely increased when the district lists are received.

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the swimming carnival, in the Booroodabin baths to-night the 220 yards championship of Queensland was won by F. W. Springfield by six yards from D. Gailey and P. Loewe, who raced a dead heat for second place. Time, 2m 46⅘s.

Last night the old workings of the Borehole mine at Blackstone, near Ipswich, fell in causing a subsidence of the surface.

Among the passengers by the Airlie were a number of Indians, bound to Fiji. During the voyage they had strange superstitions. Some of them announced that they had received a message from a defunct female relative to kill children. As there was a danger of putting the message into effect, the captain took the children away, and placed them in charge of a Malay. Before reaching Thursday Island one of the Indians died. Death was probably due to the heat.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE OUTER HARBOUR.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Mr. W. J. Waring, on behalf of the contractors for the Outer Harbour, has replied to statements made by the Premier, Mr. Price, and the Acting-Commissioner of Public Works, Mr. O'Loughlin. He says that the stoppage of work was entirely due to the refusal of the Engineer-in-Chief at a moment's notice to pay for work done, and dredging the excavation which had been done. Sixty-thousand yards of silt brought up by the tide in parts of the channel had been attended to by the contractors. If the present scheme were persisted in it would be necessary to dredge the whole of the North Bank, and the natural angle of stability. The Engineer-in-Chief's "simple remedy" for the difficulty appeared to be that this enormous expense should be borne by the contractors, and that they should go on for years dredging the sand bank for nothing. Further, to go on dredging it would simply be to take away the foundations for a wall which must ultimately be built. In reply to the statement that all the reports of experts were available to the contractors, Mr. Waring says they were never brought under their notice, and were not seen by them. Mr. Waring denies the statement of Mr. Price that the contractors have done the work at the lowest rate, and made a large profit, and that now they did not want to go on with the more expensive work.

With reference to a complaint from Broken Hill that the mines are short of trucks, the Railway Commissioner, when seen to-day, stated that during the last week the daily average of loaded trucks from Broken Hill was 213, while the daily average waggons east of Cockburn was 804, showing that every day of that week there was about four days' supply of waggons on hand. For Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week the average number of trucks east of Cockburn was 736. The Commissioner is of opinion that such a daily average on the tramline east of Cockburn ought to be easy to maintain a higher output of loaded trucks from Broken Hill.

BUSH FIRES.

A DESTRUCTIVE OUTBREAK.

CUMNOCK, Thursday.

A destructive fire broke out about noon yesterday. It was first noticed coming from the direction of Burgoon Station, and rapidly gaining strength, spread with alarming rapidity. Word was sent to Cumnock for aid. The police and residents turned out, rendering help in saving stacks. Miles of fencing and grass were burnt.

Following are the chief sufferers:—At Burrawang: Messrs. W. Black, J. Mulhall, G. Eggleston, J. Eggleston, sen., and J. Eggleston, jun. Mr. G. Eggleston lost, besides fencing and grass, two stacks, a shed, and machinery; and Mr. J. Eggleston three stacks. The telegraph wire was broken by falling trees.

SUPPOSED INCENDIARISM.

COROWA, Thursday.

Four separate bush fires have occurred in this district since Tuesday. One started on Coreen, destroying crops, fencing, and grass, the principal losers being Messrs. Ryan (crop and wheat), O'Meara (crop and wheat), McCartney (crop and wheat), J. Strachan (fencing and grass), R. Strachan (fencing and grass), J. G. Gray (fencing and grass), G. Smyth (fencing and grass), and several others. This fire is still burning.

Some of the fires are supposed to be the work of incendiarism. A fire broke out in five different places in one crop. Boomerang woolshed was totally destroyed.

VERDICT OF INCENDIARISM.

PARKES, Thursday.

The coroner concluded an inquiry to-day into the cause of the fire which occurred at Warraberry on December 26, when a large quantity of crop, grown on the halves system by E. Gallagher and P. Norris, was destroyed by fire. A finding was returned that the crop had been feloniously and wilfully caused to be destroyed by fire by some person or persons unknown.

ALBURY, Thursday.

A fire started on Birrego Station, devastating G. Hasdale's and D. Miller's properties. Horses attached to the water-cart from Boree Creek station, while working close to the fire, became jammed, and the fire, swooping down among some fallen pine tops, burnt them so that one died, and the other had to be destroyed. By a fire that started about Jackson's waterholes, J. Low lost about 200 bags of wheat.

GRENFELL, Thursday.

Bush fires have again broken out. Mr. P. Madden's holding at Piney Range was burned out on Sunday. Fires started in six different places. Mr. M. McCue's farm was partly burned on Tuesday. The fire extended to Bogood holding, burning a lot of grass.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of May 16, 1842, appears an account of the opening of the wooden church of St. Andrew, which stood in the old burial ground at the corner of Druitt-street. It commences:—"The new church: The building to be temporarily used as a church for the parish of St. Andrew was opened for divine service yesterday morning. The prayers were read by the Bishop of New Zealand, and the communion service by the Bishop of Australia and the Rev. J. Troughton. The Bishop of Australia preached the sermon." The account then gives the details of the service. My object in writing is to ask if any of your readers who are acquainted with church history can throw any light on the first paratory to graph of a circular, which has lately come to light, issued by the trustees, and dated January 2, 1843, and which reads: "The trustees of the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, in order to provide for the members of the Church of England in that parish the means of attending public worship, with which, since the destruction of a former temporary church by fire, they have been insufficiently provided, have erected a commodious building." The circular which is a very long one, appeals for funds, and is signed by "Edye Manning, Robert Campbell, junr., H. Smythe, major."

Are we to infer from this that there was a former temporary Church of St. Andrew, and that it was destroyed by fire? If so, where was it located? I have searched your files and can find no trace of one having been destroyed between 1838 and 1842.

Mr. Justice Burton, in his work on "The State of Religion and Education in New South Wales," published in London in 1840, and which brings statistics down to 1838-9, says in speaking of the "Parish of St. Andrew," that it "has yet no church, or clergyman appointed to it; but the intended cathedral church of St. Andrew is within that parish, and its state of progress is such as to give hope of its completion in three or four years." This no doubt applies to the Cathedral itself. I think we must assume that the trustees must have had in their mind the old "wattle and daub" church which the colonial chaplain, Rev. Richard Johnson, put up "at the back of the huts" in 1793, and which was destroyed by fire on October 1, 1798. Why this place of worship should be associated, in the minds of the trustees, with the members of the Church of England in the parish of St. Andrew is difficult to understand. I am indebted to the Rev. P. J. Simpson, precentor of St. Andrew's Cathedral, for the perusal of the circular. I am, etc.,

JAMES H. WATSON.

Jan. 15.

NEW ZEALAND.

QUARTERLY BANKING RETURNS.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The banking returns for the final quarter of last year disclose a very satisfactory state of affairs, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year. Free deposits increased by over £400,000, and fixed deposits by £677,088. The metal reserve increased from £3,953,075 to £4,052,173.

It is reported that owing to the unfriendly attitude of the employers' associations, and lack of sympathy on the part of those directly interested, it has been decided to abandon the proposed Labour Parliament.

Mr. A. M. Burns, who has been for many years connected with the Press Association, has been appointed sub-editor of the Christchurch "Press."

A cable advice has been received from London, indicating that a strong company will be formed within a month to work the iron and other deposits at Taranaki.

NEWCASTLE.

COLLIERY EMPLOYEES' FEDERATION.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the delegate board of the Northern Colliery Employees' Federation was held at the Trades Hall this afternoon. Mr. Peter Bowling was elected president for the ensuing year, and Mr. James Curley secretary. The balance-sheet showed the sum of £3380 to credit. Consideration was given to a notice of motion received from the Dudley lodge, to the effect that an advance of 8d per ton in the bewing be made in September next. The resolution was agreed to.

THE COAL TRADE.

The following were to-day's clearances:—The Melbourne, s, for Melbourne, with 1100 tons coal; Moira, s, for Brisbane, via Sydney, with 180 tons bunker coal; Mintaro, s, for Port Adelaide, via Port Kembla, with 2080 tons coal; Lady Mildred, s, for Adelaide, via Port Pirie and Melbourne, with 3400 tons coal; Wimmera, s, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1100 tons bunker coal and 200 tons nitrate soda and quantity of sundries; Sildra, s, for Manila, with 5743 tons West Wallsend coal.

MURRAY RIVER WATERS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

On the Murray River waters question, Mr. Kennedy, M.P., remarked at the quarterly meeting of the Chamber of Agriculture to-day, that he was gratified with the recent favourable remarks of the members of the South Australian Ministry on the subject, and suggested some action be taken by the chamber to approach the residents of South Australia, south of New South Wales, and north of Victoria, to meet in an amicable spirit, and to impress on their respective Governments the necessity of settling the matter. If the Governments would not do anything, it would be necessary to approach the Federal Parliament. One drought cost considerably more than the whole scheme for the conservation of the water. The matter was referred to the executive committee.

HIGH TEMPERATURES INLAND.

Oppressive conditions again prevail throughout the State, and in the interior very high temperatures have been recorded. On Wednesday 27 stations in the northern districts reported readings of upwards of 100 degrees, while at half a dozen centres the shade temperature reached or exceeded 110 degrees, the highest registrations being 116 at Brewarrina and 112 at Bourke. Yesterday the thermometer registered upwards of 100 degrees over the inland districts generally, some of the records being:—Bourke 110 degrees, Walgett 109, Dubbo 104, Warren 104, Wilcannia 103, Albury 103, Wentworth 102, Cobar 101, Forbes 101, Hay 101, Condobolin 101.

Mr. Hunt says that high temperatures are expected inland to-day, and warm and humid conditions east of the tablelands. Fine weather is favoured for the most parts, but there are indications for isolated squalls and thunderstorms, more particularly in the north-east.

GOODOOGA.—Another hot spell is being felt, the glass ranging up to 112 degrees. The fresh in the Culgoa River has reached Kingsbilla, Ballendoch, and the Bokhara, close to Hebel. The Balonne River rose to 10ft at Surat, and is rising at St. George (Q.).

R.M.S. ORTONA AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Thursday.

The R.M.S. Ortona arrived from London at 9.30 a.m. with the following passengers:—

For Adelaide: Mr. M. G. Anderson.

For Melbourne: Messrs. Duckett, Sagden, Shepherd, Kilpatrick, and Allen (2), Mesdames Carter and Duckett, the Misses Carter and Duckett (2).

For Sydney: Captain Birch, Messrs. Cowlishaw, Mundel, Egerton, Langmore, Rev. J. Mandy, Richard Neill, Campbell, Peters, Norman, Brown, and Harman, Mesdames Mundell, Egerton, Harman and infant, the Misses Murray and Campbell.

For Brisbane: Mr. H. Conran, the Misses Paterson and McLennan.

For Port Lyttelton: Sir C. R. Campbell, Bart., Messrs. Norman, Campbell, Gould, and Gardiner, Mesdames Gibson and Gould, Miss Gibson, and 102 in other classes for all ports.

THE INEBRIATES' HOME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have read with interest several letters in your columns from gentlemen who, however earnest they may be, appear to possess merely theoretical knowledge of the painful and perplexing problem of the care and treatment of inebriates.

It has been suggested to me that, with your kind permission, I should make some reply to these communications, and certainly having had 14 years' practical and bitter experience of this work, I venture to think the public might be interested, and, probably, surprised, in the perusal of a few of the many facts I could furnish.

First, let me mention that this problem has already engaged the attention of other Australasian States, which long ago passed Acts somewhat similar to our own. What are the results?

The Government inebriate asylums in South Australia and Victoria have long been closed. That in New Zealand was given up recently, and the Queensland authorities have contented themselves with making use of one or two existing charitable institutions, with no success to speak of. The word "failure" is largely writ as an epitaph on the graves of all these undertakings. No doubt faulty and unsympathetic management had much to do with this result, for the inebriate, male or female, must be kindly and lovingly treated to ensure a fair prospect of reformation and cure.

And, even then, not more than one-third of the cases dealt with on the most up-to-date lines can be considered as satisfactory, and stand the test of time. The other two-thirds should just be kept out of harm's way, which is all that can be done for them.

Much has been said about the Hawkesbury islands and their adaptability for inebriate homes, to be conducted under the very stringent provisions of the Act. Take Milson's Island first.

It is not at all a bad place for a voluntary retreat, such as the late Mr. A. G. Taylor desired that the late Sir George Dibbs, when Premier, should allow the use of to the writer. Send me there 100 men, and 10s a week each for their housing and keep, and I would undertake to give reasonable satisfaction to their friends and the public, after a year's seclusion.

But as the site of an asylum under the Act it has been very badly chosen. Not even with a ring of guards round the island—at enormous expense—could any able-bodied man be kept there against his will, for by merely making a bundle of his clothing and putting it on his head he could, at low water "springs," easily wade across the inside channel to the mainland. The escapees would be so numerous as to render necessary the services of additional police in the district between the Hawkesbury and Sydney. As to sharks, no danger is to be dreaded from them in such shallow water.

Then, with respect to Rabbit Island. It is certainly very curious that the late Government should have turned their attention first to female inebriates, when there are so many good "homes" for women in Sydney, while there is not one for men of the class now under consideration.

I know one extensive and excellent Sydney institution for women and girls, largely recruited from the police courts, yielding the happiest results, wherein the principal restraining power is that of love. There is much greater need for a men's than for a women's asylum.

However, as I have just submitted to the Government a suggestion with regard to an economical experimental trial of the new system on Rabbit Island it would not become me to say more on the matter while it is "sub judice." I would merely ask the public to hold their hand before condemning the present Administration for, as I think, wisely declining to incur the very heavy expenditure with problematical results attendant upon the completion of the immature scheme left it as a legacy by its predecessors. I am, etc.,

COURTENAY SMITH.

Rest Haven, Middle Harbour, Jan. 12.

A CHARMING TONIC.

KOLA-CUP strengthens the DIGESTION.—Advt.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Jan. 18.

Britannia R.M.S., 6525 tons, Captain Field, from London, via ports. Passengers—Miss A. Hill, Dr. F. Lindsay, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Fairchild, Mr. Wilkinson king, Mr. Weigall, Dr. Fremech, Mrs. Fremech, Mr. J. E. D. Allan, Miss Shenton, Miss Colling, Miss Fraser, Mr. de Ritter, Mr. Thade, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Flinders, Mr. Bloomfield, Mrs. Bloomfield, Mrs. S. Bloomfield, Dr. S. H. Lloyd, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Staughton and infant and nurse, Mr. S. Tatton, Mr. T. E. Bray, Miss C. J. Brownlee, Miss J. Brownlee, Mrs. Middleton, Mr. Middleton, Miss Thoms, Mr. Fitchett, Mrs. Fitchett, Miss Fitchett, Mr. Brown, Mr. S. Marks also a large number for interstate ports. E. Trelawny, agent.

Australian, s, 2938 tons, Captain McArthur, from Yokohama, Kobe, and Moji (Japan), via Hongkong, Manilla, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, and Brisbane. Passengers—Mrs. Mead, Mr. Benson, Mr. A. Morton, Mr. E. Pullman, Mr. and Mrs. Oxley, Mr. Wall, Dr. Rennie, Mr. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Blechynden and 4 children and 1 nurse, Mr. Mosthwitz, Mr. Wadstein, Mr. Flemming, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Adcock, Mrs. Townsend, Mr. Herbert, Mr. V. V. Brown, Mr. H. Plank, Mr. Daniels, Mr. E. Ball, Mr. J. Manix, Mr. O'Halloran, Mr. E. Harris, and 53 in other classes, in addition to a number of passengers for Cairns and Brisbane. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Tambo, s, 732 tons, Captain Weatherall, from the New Hebrides Group, via Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands. Passengers—Misses E. Christian, M. Buffett, Mrs. Garth and 2 children, Messrs. J. Neuman, J. P. Wilson, H. Rossiter, Frank Farnell, A. Smith, J. H. Waterhouse, H. White, J. Manning, C. Neale, Garth, and son, and Lloyd. Burns, Philip, and Co., Limited, agents.

Star of Australia, s, 6633 tons, Captain Uvlatt, from London, via Melbourne, en route to New Zealand ports. Passengers—Mr. Tindall. Masters Tindall (2), Mr. Richardson, Mr. Haycock, and Captain East. Tyser and Co., agents.

Thode-Fagelund, s, 4532 tons, Captain Kumpford, from Newcastle. W. Scott Fell and Co., Ltd., agents.

Rosedale, s, 274 tons, Captain J. C. Anderson, from Bellinger River and Port Macquarie. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Dalaba, s, 1537 tons, Captain J. Bentley, from Hobart. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Eden, s, 693 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Eden. Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Tuncurry, s, 162 tons, Captain O'Brien, from Cape Hawke. A. Taylor and Co., agents.

Cavanba, s, 573 tons, Captain Davis, from Byron Bay, via Coff's Harbour and Trial Bay. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Monaro, s, 1098 tons, Captain Brisbane, from Brisbane, via Newcastle. Burns, Philip, and Co., Ltd., agents.

Peregrine, s, 3660 tons, Captain J. D. Joy, from Cairns, via Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, and Brisbane. Passengers: 90 in the saloon and 50 in the deck cabin, in addition to 20 saloon and 12 steerage passengers for Melbourne. Howard Smith Company, Limited, agents.

Coonoomberry, s, 147 tons, Captain S. Canty, from Morpeth. Tamworth and South Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Chillagoe, s, 1490 tons, Captain Hammer, from Townsville. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Ramornie, s, 546 tons, Captain R. Alley, from Richmond River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Kyogle, s, 702 tons, Captain E. Farrell, from Clarence River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Hastings, s, 193 tons, Captain Forbes, from Port Macquarie. Alex. Kethel and Co., agents.

Wimmera, s, 2080 tons, Captain J. W. Wyllie, from Newcastle. Huddart, Parker, and Co. Proprietary, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—Jan. 18.

Dilkera, s, for Fremantle, via Adelaide and Port Pirie.

Westralia, s, for Hobart.

H.M.S. Psyche, for Hobart.

H.I.M.S. Calabria, for Italy, via Brisbane and ports.

Earl of Dunmore, 4-m bq, for Rotterdam.

Lackawa, bq, for Falmouth.

Theodor Rudolf, s, for an eastern port, en route from Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Jan. 19.

Runic, s, for London and Liverpool, via ports.

Eden, s, for Moruya, via Bateman's Bay; Rosedale, s, for Bellinger River and Port Macquarie; Electra, s, for Manning River; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke, via ports; Archer, s, for Newcastle; Narrara, s, for Hawkesbury River and Newport.

CLEARANCES.—Jan. 18.

Westralia, s, 2884 tons, Captain R. L. Dunsford, for Hobart, with passengers, &c.

Burrumbeet, s, 2426 tons, Captain R. H. Solly, for Melbourne.

Nardoo, s, 2907 tons, Captain W. A. Butcher, for Port Pirie.

IMPORTS.—Jan. 18.

Tambo, s, from New Hebrides, via Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands: 100 tons copra, 20 tons maize, 16 bls millet, 11 bags do., 130 do. sundries, 47 hides, 9 calves, whale oil, 6 bgs fungrus, 1 bg hair, 3 bgs arrowroots, 13 bgs onions, 54 bgs palm seeds, 93 cs palm seeds, 36 cs palms, 2 bgs soil, 8 cs sundries.

Peregrine, s, from Cairns, via ports: 787 cs pines, 18 cs melons, 6 bls wool, 70 bdls blue pipes, 64 bgs pumpkins, 20 bgs b. handles, 10 cs passionfruit, 25 cs tinplates, 17 bgs bones, 42 bxs butter, 16 bgs tin, 5069 bchs bananas, and sundries.

Namoi, s, from Hobart: 1000 cs fruit, 305 bgs g. peas, 277 cs jam, 354 cs pulp, 25 cs c. fish, 478 bgs bark, 48 cshs ale, 5 bls wool, 200 pcs timber, and sundries.

Yongala, s, from Clarence River: 2 bgs bones, 566 bxs butter, 80 cs eggs, 60 cs fish, 6 cs fruit, 22 hides, 4 bgs hides, 2 horses, 36 pigs, 2 cs honey, 2 cshs tallow, 1 bg hair, 14 bgs oysters, 24 bgs maize, 413 bgs potatoes, 16 cps poultry, 1 bdl skins, 42 bgs bottles, 78[illegible] sawn timber, 2 bdls cane, 1 shift, and sundries.

Chillagoe, s, from Townsville: 900 tons sugar, 2215 bchs bananas, 103 bls wool, 123 bgs hides, 14 pkgs zinc. For Newcastle: 200 tons ore.

Norong, s, from Richmond River: 16 bgs bark, 22 bxs butter, 3 cs eggs, 21 cs fruit, 6 hides and 1 bag hides, 39 pigs, 11 bgs oysters, 237 bgs maize, 1 bg potatoes, 6 cps poultry, 2 bdls skins, 6 pcs hardwood, 116 pkgs sundries.

Cavanba, s, from Byron Bay, via Coff's Harbour and Trial Bay: 2260 bxs butter, 19 cs eggs, 10 cs fish, 54 bgs hides, 1 horse, 2 tnak logs, 14 cs empty bottles, 21 empty barrels, 2 cs goods, 55 bgs grass seed, 1 pkg plants, and sundries.

Ramornie, s, from Richmond River: 1187 bxs butter, 12 cs 22 bgs bacon, 15 cs eggs, 15 cs fish, 15 cs honey, 16 hides and 2 bgs hides, 5 calves, 4 cattle, 26 pigs, 22 bls millet, 32 bgs cowfeed, 18 bgs potatoes, 3 bdls skins, 15,000ft boxwood, 215 pcs hardwood, 3 cshs tallow, 8 bgs hides, 1 cshs lard, 32 cs tomatoes, 200 pickets, and sundries.

Custom-house.—Entered outwards: Jan. 18, Gonah, s, for Hobart; Star of

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

There was a fair amount of business reported on 'Change yesterday, prices, however, not varying very materially. Government stock were quiet, and practically unchanged. Bank of New South Wales shares improved a further 4. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney going at the late rate. M.J.S. "B" deposits rose fractionally, E.S. and A. deferred being unaltered. Sydney Ferries were higher, finding a buyer at 70s. United Insurance rose 3s 9d, and closed firmer. Castlemaine and Wood Bros. Brewery had business at unaltered rates.

The following sales were reported:—Early: Nil. On 'Change: Sydney Hydraulic, contg., 3½ 3d. Later: Bank of New South Wales, 3½ 45 2s 6d; Commercial Banking Company, 3½ 29; United Insurance, £6 5s. Noon: Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Bros., 10s 9d; Union Steamship, £15 15s; Bank of New South Wales £45 5s. Later: E. S. and A. Deferred, Inscribed, 16s 9d. Afternoon: Sydney Ferries, 70s; A.J.S. Bank "B" Deposits, 13s. Later: Sydney Ferries, 70s.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Prices. Buyers.	Prices. Sellers.	Profits (Average)
STOCK, &c.								
N.S.W., Fcp. Act, 1867	4,066,792	...	86	85½				
Do. 1892	1,090,125	...	99½	99				
Do. 1892	2,124,840	...	100	102	104			
Do. Act 1875	530,180	...	4	105	...			
Do. 4 per Cent. Act 1900	850,000	...	4	101	...			
Do. Deb. 1898				100½	...			
Do. T. Bills, 1906	1,189,700	...	4	101	...			
Fitte	1,000,000	...	4	101	...			
N.S.W. Do. 1909	300,000	...	4	101½	...			
Queensland Deb. 1913					101	...		
Do. Fcp. Bills	880,000	...	4	101	101	...		
Do. A. Inscr.					101	...		
Victoria Gen. Deb. 1922	800,000	...	4	102	101	...		
City Sydney Deb.	220,000	...	4	100	101	...		
Do. 1908	100,000	...	4	102	101	...		
Do. Sugar D. 1916	...	...	5	105½	106	...		
BANKS.								
Australasia	184,328	33	1	...	...	...		
Australian Joint Stock	1,600,000	40	40	12	95	95		
Australian Mutual Prov.	400,000	10	8	2½	70	...		
City	160,000	10	8	2½	65	...		
New South Wales	1,000,000	10	10	...	...	...		
Commercial of Aust.	84,98	10	10	6/10	9/	...		
Do. Deb.	2,117,200	10	10	5	9½	9½		
Do. Pref.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	27	28		
Com. Bkg. Co. Sydney	1,000,000	25	5	5	73/9	73/9		
Do. of Aust.	1,120,440	6	5	5	7½	7½		
Do. Deb.	1,000,000	100	10	10	11½	11½		
Do. Pref.	300,000	20	10	4½	4½	4½		
Do. A.S.F.	200,000	20	10	4½	4½	4½		
English, Scottish & Australian	427,819	8	3	6/16/8	7/	8		
Do. Queensland	100,000	7	2	12½	...	...		
Do. Deb.	100,000	5	1	5	6/8	...		
Queensland Nat.	413,033	5	3	3½	6/	...		
Do. Deb.	400,000	5	1	5	6/	...		
Royal of Canada	1,500,000	75	25	10	8½	8½		
Union								
DEPOSITS.								
M.J.S. Bk. "B"					19/6	19/5		
Do. A."					19	12/10½		
Do. B.								
Do. D.					19/6	19/		
Do. Inscribed	788,833	...			19	18/10	11/4	
Com. of Aus.								
Assets*	3,354,903	...			18	13/9		
F.S.A., Insc. Pref.	889,419	...			3	12/6	12/6	
Do. Def.**	808,758	...			4½	16/6	17/	
Do. Deb.**	903,847	...			4	15/		
G.Nat.	3,116,821	...			4	14/10½	15/	
STEAM.								
Bal. Ferry	16,420	1	1	7½	27/6	26/		
Illawarra	49,797	1	15/		22/	21/9	22/6	
Howe & Lord Howe Coy.	250,000	20	20/	10/	19/	...		
Do. 5s paid						6/		
Do. 2s paid	200,000	20	5		7½	7½		
Intercolonial	100,000	1	1	6	27½	27/5	25/8	
North Coast	191,250	1	17/6	8	14/6	24/6	23/8	
Do. Issue			17/6		13/6	18/6	19/3	
Pyrmont Ferries	140,000	1	10	10	70/	70/	60/	
Syd. Ferries	200,000	20	25	10	57	56/	60/	
Tuggerah Lake	8,744	1	1	5	20/	20/		
INSURANCE								
A.A.I. & M. Fire	62,500	1	12/6	14½	42/	41/6		
Australian Mer. Mutual	45,000	1	6/	15	16/6	15/6		
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	15	94/6	...		
N.Q'land Fire	50,000	1	10/	8	15/6	15/6		
United	68,225	10	2½	12½	6½	6½		
COAL.								
Bellambi	175,000	1	1	15	34/	33/		
Fort Scratchley	121,855	1	1	10	22½	22/		
Hetton Newcastle				10/		14/		
Hodgson Creek	42,550	1	1					
Hetton	123,665	3	1	6	41/	45/		
Newcastle	105,000	11	10		5½	5½		
Stockton	30,621	1	1		3	...		
New Zealand				16/	4	1 net		
New Lambton	20,000	1	1	16	27/	23/		
Wallsend	40,000	10	4	+10/	19	18		
Waratah				1/		7/9		
Wickham & Bullock Is.	103,077	1	1		1/6	/10	1/8	
Bow			1	15				
Preferential			1	20½		5/8	4/6	
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/3	19/		
Australasian	750,000	6	6	15	18½	18½	18	
Lithgow		6	3	15	11	...		
Charbonnier	90,000	10	10	10	14/9	15/		
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	31/	...		
Grafton	10,000	1	8	27½	28/	...		
Maitland Gas	10,000	5	5		7	...		
Manly	15,000	1	1	8	8/6	27/6		
Metropolitan	5,000	1	10	8	13/9	14/6		
Mudgee	5,000	1	1	7	18/9	18/6		
Newcastle	45,000	2	2	15	61/	61		
Sydney	225,000	1	7	20	36/6	36/		
Do. New	12,500	1	15		21/	...		
BREWERIES.								
Australian Estates and Loan	48,000	10	10/		9/	...	9/	
Castlemaine Brew.	250,000	1	1	4	10/9	10/6	9/	
Perkins'	100,000	15	15/		30/9	35/		
Tooheys	800,000	1	1		12/3	13/	14/6	
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	8	19/3	20/9	20/9	
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Automatic	17,500	15	10	5	2/6	2/6	2/	
Aust. News.	40,000	1	1		7/6	...	8/6	
Bull, Wright, Soap	200,000	1	1		18/3	...		
Do. Pref.								
Philip	250,000	1	1	8	31/6	30/		
New Issue	20,000	1	10	8	15/	14/		
Brooks & Co.						19/	22/	
Do. Pref.						20/	23/3	
Dalgety	2,093,280	20	20	10	40½	40½		
Dalgety and Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	5/6	5		
Dunlop Pn.								
Tyre, pref.	80,000	1	1	7	19/6	20/	21/6	
Fass B. Rail.						1/3		
Fass & Prior.								
Gravel	12,200	1	10/	7	7/6	...	9/	
Kelly, Tramway	48,000	1	10/	12½	22/6			
N. de Pierres	24,000	1	1	10	26/	40/		
Nott's Dock	200,000	1	1	5		12/6	17/6	
Nitro, pref.	40,000	1	1	6	19/9	21/		
N.Z. Refrig. Inv.	81,750	12	10/		10	9/9	10/3	
Shale & Oil	80,000	17						
New York								
Tobacco	15,000	1	1					
Tram & Trust	25,000	5	7½	10	6/8	4/6		
Tramways Trust	25,000	10	5/	10	11/	11/		
Richardson & Wrench	80,000	1	1	5	13/	12/	14/	
Sydney Trust	187,800	1	1	20	30/	30/	29/	
Syd. Exchange	20,000	10	10	6	13½	13	13/	
Syd. Hydraulic	75,000	1	1	10	31/3	31/3	29/	
Union	90,000	1	10	10	15/3	15½	15/6	
Union Hyd. & G.S.	35,000	1	10/	15	15/9	16/8	...	
Wal. Landing					1/3	...	...	
Wat. Supply Assocn.	12,000	1	20/		11/	...	...	
W. H. Soul, Pat. & Co.	120,000	1	1	10	35/	34/	30/	
LAND & BD.								
Excelsior Dep.								
Hayman. Dep.					9/	...	...	
Land Prov.	45,580	20			20	...	...	
Union, Inv.	87,787	1	15/	9	20/6	20/	...	
Perc. B. & L.				6	19/	...	...	
Dyn. Free L.	17,500	7/6	3/		3/6	3/6	...	

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly payment. † Per share. †† Ex dividend. ** Ex interest. § Call paid.

FINANCIAL.

THE MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS APOLOGETIC AND YIELDING.

Sir Wm. Lyne adopted an apologetic tone at yesterday's deputation of the council of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce. Delays, he admitted, had taken place, but the department was crowded up for room. He would make a further appeal, he said, to the State Government for the use of the whole Customs House, and were this successful no further complaints would be necessary. When the interstate certificates were abolished, also, there would be more space available. As to delays caused through reference to Melbourne, these, he said, were partly unavoidable. Materials had to be at times submitted to the Customs surveyor or to the Government analyst. Thus time was wanted. But, he said, he had had a return compiled, which showed him that Sydney was only two days behind Melbourne on the average, or just the time occupied through use of the post. Sir William did not seem to realise that if a smart merchant had given 24 hours' advantage he would be on the highway to fortune. Let the Minister, if he doubts this statement, give one of his friends a hint 24 hours before the new tariff he promises is enforced, and watch the results. This would be merely doing in a wholesale way what is admittedly being done on retail lines every day, only the notice the Melbourne merchant receives is twice as long as that suggested. The Minister charges us with ourselves not having published particulars of Customs decisions received by us. But then we are not charged with the duty of managing the Customs Department. It is Sir William Lyne's duty, and if he will keep his staff up to the mark the Sydney merchants will have been to complain of. However, the Minister was distinctly conciliatory in his attitude, and we have hopes that much good will come out of the deputation.

THE FUTURE OF SILVER.

Our latest cables quote silver at 2s 6d per ounce standard. This is a price which, though low, compared with the rate obtainable prior to the "slump" towards the end of last century, is still high as the rates of recent years go. Australia, as an important silver-producing country, at all events has reason to be well satisfied with prices such as now rule. Whether this recent advance will continue is doubtful. It has been occasioned by an unusual demand in India and in France, which is probably temporary, and by the general increase in the requirements for subsidiary currency on account of business activity, but that demand is likely to be satisfied without carrying the price above the safety point for the countries in which the new relation to gold has been established. But it is true that the production of silver has not been keeping pace with that of gold of late, and the cheapening of the former in time past has led to its extended use in the arts, which seems fully to have offset its diminished monetary use. If it should continue to appreciate in value, it would furnish an argument in favour of a gold circulation where the gold standard has been adopted. There is gold enough, and its production is increasing, inasmuch that there has been alarm in some quarters abroad lest it depreciate in value so as to expand credit, stimulate speculation, and bring financial disaster.

UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Our London correspondent cables the chief results of the last half-year's trading of the Union Bank of Australia, Ltd. The figures show but little variation from those of the previous half-year, as can be seen from the following comparison:—

	Half-year Ended	
	Feb. 28, 1905.	Aug. 31, 1905.
Net profits	£104,373	£104,492
Dividend	19 p.c.	19 p.c.
Off bank premises	£10,000	£10,000
To officers' guarantee and provident fund	4,000	4,000
To reserve	15,000	15,000
Total reserve fund	1,055,000	1,070,000
Capital paid up	1,500,000	1,500,000
Forward	27,508	28,000

The less profitable character of the exchange business has doubtless prejudically affected the earnings of this as well as other institutions.

VICTORIAN TRADE RETURNS.

The trade returns of Victoria for 1905 are now available. These show that an increase of about two million sterling has taken place in the gross value of imports, but of this increase over £830,000 is due to larger imports of wool, mostly from other States. The imports of merchandise (exclusive of gold and specie, wool, wheat, and flour) amount to £18,683,552, against £16,980,299 for 1904, or an increase of £1,223,253, showing a moderate increase in Victorian import trade. The following figures include imports from other States. The total value of direct oversea imports into Victoria, including gold, was £12,728,023, against £13,899,651 for 1904. The total value of oversea exports from Victoria last year was £13,999,141, or a decrease of £2,110,498 as compared with 1904. This decrease is entirely due to smaller gold shipments, exports of all merchandise showing an increase of £113,105.

ORIENTAL MORTGAGE AND INVESTMENT COMPANY.

The fifth annual meeting of the Oriental Mortgage and Investment Company, Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon, at the company's offices, Mr. C. E. Byrnes occupying the chair. In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, which was carried unanimously, Mr. Byrnes mentioned that though the past year had been a hard one, the company had no cause for complaint, the list of bad debts being the smallest on record. Extensive alterations and improvements had been made to the company's offices, but after allowing for this and all other expenses a substantial sum had been added to the reserve fund. A dividend of 8 per cent. payable January 19, was declared and a bonus presented to the managing director, Mr. L. H. Cohen and his staff. Messrs. C. E. Byrns and C. J. Whiting the retiring directors, and Mr. C. Fisk, auditor, were re-elected.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

The concluding sales of the week were held at the Wool Exchange yesterday afternoon. The attendance of buyers was complete, and owing to the hunger for wool displayed by all sections of the trade the market was very excited. The offerings comprised a large selection, of good, useful wools, and included some superior fine fleeces from the southern districts. Several Tasmanian and New Zealand clips were also sold. All good to superior wools, and particularly fine merinos, were most eagerly sought after, and prices may be quoted at an advance on late rates. Medium and inferior sorts, though at times irregular, generally realised very satisfactory rates. Fine crossbreds and combacks were sold at the extreme rates of the season. A good display of scoured was under offer, and demand ruled keen for all grades, at full rates. The highest price for greasy was 13½d and for scoured 23½d.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Policy-holders of the A.M.P. Society will to-day be asked to express their opinion upon the advisableness of that institution extending its field of operations to Great Britain and South Africa.

Just prior to the departure of last mail from London the sanction of the Chancery Division was asked for the sale of the assets of the Smelting and Refining Company of Australia, Ltd. It was a debenture-holders' action. At the meeting held to consider the question 70,000 votes were recorded in favour and 8000 against.

The exports of gold from Commonwealth ports up to date this year totalled £1,210,096, against £491,840 last year for the corresponding period, an increase of £518,256.

The reserves of the P. and O. Company, inclusive of the marine insurance fund, amount to over nine millions sterling.

Houlder Bros., Ltd., made a net profit of £25,620, as the result of operations in 1904. The chairman of directors looked for much better earnings in 1905.

Sir William Lyne has accepted the offer of the Board of the Royal Exchange to allow Customs decisions to be posted, as issued, in that institution for the information of merchants.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

On 'Change to-day Bank of Adelaide shares were quoted at b £6 13s 6d, a £6 15s.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were:—Queensland National Bank, b 14s 9d, a 15s 3d; 4 per cent. Treasury bills, b £102 10s.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Victoria 3 per cents., 1930, £92; Commercial Bank, pref., £6 12s; National Bank, 73s; Melbourne Tramway, 26s; Silverton Tramway, 90s, 89s; Sydney Hydraulic, 15s.

COMMERCIAL.

Yesterday was one of decided inactivity in general merchandise. Breadstuffs ruled quiet; new wheat at 3s 2½d per bushel, and flour from £7 10s to £8 per ton. Two or three hundred packages of tea were moved off, but little trade was reported in groceries. Several lines in metals continued brisk in inquiry, with anticipated good business to follow. Linseed oil was, if anything, a shade weaker. A parcel of 400 bales of woolpacks was placed for extended monthly shipments. Other jute goods were dead.

OUR FROZEN MEAT IN ENGLAND.

Out of three and a half million cwts frozen mutton and lamb imported into Great Britain for the first 11 months of 1905, Australia and New Zealand supplied over 50 per cent. and the Argentine nearly 40 per cent. The imports compare with those for the corresponding period of the two previous years as follow:—

From—	1903. Cwt.	1904. Cwt.	1905. Cwt.
Australia	143,615	104,421	894,509
New Zealand	1,997,702	1,589,761	1,485,503
Argentina	1,328,442	1,319,826	1,351,376
Other countries	272,042	253,605	290,261
Total	3,751,801	3,271,716	3,531,663

In frozen and chilled beef for the eleven months Australia supplied the United Kingdom with only 6364cwt (against 30,377cwt last year), and New Zealand contributed but 141,823 cwt. out of imports totalling 4,531,824cwt. More than two million cwts of the 4½ millions imported came from the United States, and 2½ million cwts from the Argentina.

THE RABBIT EXPORT TRADE.

Sydney and Melbourne sent over 70 per cent. of the frozen rabbits imported into the United Kingdom for the first 11 months of 1905. They were valued at £437,962. The exports show considerable expansion, as the following comparative figures indicate:—

	For the 11 Months ended Nov. 30. 1903. Cwts.	1904. Cwts.	1905. Cwts.
Australia	237,711	307,980	438,832
New Zealand	122,276	86,258	74,898
Belgium	87,114	66,351	61,147
Other countries	24,164	22,187	26,823
Total	461,265	482,876	599,197

A "CORNER" IN TURPS.

Thanks to the intervention of the Standard Oil Trust, say home manufacturers of varnish and paints, the price of turpentine has been more than doubled within quite a short period. It apparently is comparatively easy for the Standard Oil people to lay hold of the sources of supply of their commodity, as most of the high quality turpentine now available comes from the pine forests of Florida, in North America. Coarser qualities come from Russia, but these, the varnish-makers profess, are of little use to them. It is suggested to thwart the alleged monopoly is for the manufacturers to form an association which would act for the whole body, and go direct to the producers. The development of new sources of supply by means of pine forests in France, Germany, in parts of South Africa, and even Canada, has also been mooted. The turpentine pine is said to be a hardy tree, requiring only deep, sandy soil in which to root.

BREADSTUFFS.

There was no change to report in the price of new season's wheat, which is being purchased by both millers and shippers on a basis of 3s 2½d per bushel Darling Harbour. The cargo of the Italian barque Dora, which was reported by cable to have been sold at 2½s per 480lb c.i.f., is surprisingly good, when, according to private cables to hand from London, offers at 3½s 9d for other cargoes could not be obtained, the market being mentioned as inactive. The Dora is being loaded by Messrs. J. Darling and Son, in Sydney, and is expected to get away at the end of next week with about 17,000 bags. The Lucknow cleared yesterday with 21,276 bags wheat for Falmouth, the consignors being Messrs. J. J. Donnelly and Co., of Temora.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 2248 tons wheat and 131 tons flour were manifested to arrive.

The flour market was quiet and quotations were unaltered. Old was selling in small lots at £7 12s to £8, and new was offering at from £7 10s to £7 15s for country brands, and at 5s advance for the city mares. The chief business passing appears to be for export to the East. Trade in the metropolis is very poor, and the continued inactivity locally has led some of the smaller inland mills to quote as low as £7 5s for parcels, provided prompt delivery is taken.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—Fair sales were made, including 200 packages Ceylons, on spot and to arrive, at from 6d to 9d; 30 chests Indians from 7d to 8d; and 150 Ceylons up to 9d per lb.

Groceries.—There was little doing in this market, things generally being dull. One hundred cases Scroll salmon, tails, went at 7s 10½d, and 1200 cases Bell's plaid vestas for forward delivery were booked at a.p.

Metals.—Wire netting and fencing wire were in request, with further purchases likely within the next few days. Ten tons No. 8 German galvanised wire were sold at £10 5s, and 10 tons each Nos. 8 and 10 German black were quitted at £8 7s 6d and £8 12s 6d respectively. A good inquiry for Anchor fence material was reported.

Oils.—Linseed oil quieter yesterday, probably slight reaction after the heavy purchasing of last week. Local prices are, however, lower in comparison with those obtaining at Home. Mineral oils: Sorts of boxes were asking 3s 9d for B. and S.'s raw, and 3s 4d for boiled, several firms were yesterday prepared to do business at 1d per gallon less. White lead was unchanged at from £26 10s per ton for Champion's in casks. Castor oil was worth 3s 3d per gallon. Other oils were quoted the same as last week. Private advices from Calcutta reported castor oil very firm, owing to bad accounts of crop prospects. Rosin had inquiry, and fair lots were quoted for G., and £11 to £11 10s for N. grade.

Jute.—Four hundred bales woolpacks for extended monthly shipments changed hands at 2s 7d. The seller for months not yet however in buyers' hands at the same rate. On spot parcels were worth 2s 6d. For season's shipments Calcutta cables reported that market was very strong, and likewise for hessians. Cornsacks were nominally quoted at from 2s 4d to 2s 6d, with very few inquiries. Hessians were also difficult to get offers, and as was the nominal limit price. The Calcutta jute mills have unanimously fixed up the short-time arrangement for the six months ending 30th June, 1906. Not more than 60 looms of cotta have been cheap that some merchants aver that the consumption of maize is now permanently diminished. As will be seen from the accompanying figures, the principal arrivals have been from Victoria. The arrivals of maize by rail and sea for the week ended Wednesday were as follow:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Week's receipts	570	484	2,101
Previous week	472	1,144	1,021
Total to date	1,395	2,788	3,723
Total, 1905	19,576	6,115	16,413

Chickwheat found steady inquiry at up to 3s 1d, while for second milling up to 3s 1½d and 3s 2d per bushel was paid. Barley was scarce, and not in great request. White oats were keenly sought after, but stocks were much reduced, and up to 3s 1d per bushel was asked for New Zealand Gartons. Algerians were in good supply, and sold steadily at late rates. The following table shows the arrivals by rail and sea for the week ended Wednesday:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Week's receipts	—	804	312
Previous week	—	1,300	—
Total to date	—	2,543	812
Ditto, 1905	11	4,121	4,283

An improved feeling was observed in the bran market on account of inquiries for export to South Africa. It was reported that cheap freights could be obtained, and business was, therefore, imminent. Local demand was satisfied at 90d per bushel. Pollard was rather quiet at 1s per bushel.

Chaff was slow of sale both at auction and along "the street." Choice local wheaten realised up to £3 13s 4d, and prime Adelaide to £3 10s per ton. Arrivals during the week from the country have shown increase. The following table shows in a comparative way the arrivals of chaff by rail and sea for the week ended Wednesday:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Week's receipts	—	36,380	2,260
Previous week	—	33,250	2,757
Total to date	—	84,070	7,126
Ditto, 1905	—	96,600	47,487

Melbourne oaten hay was quiet at the lately reduced figure. Straw was unchanged. Lucerne was firm at quotations, but the turnover was limited. The New-castle steamer arrived with 133 bales, while 11 truck-loads came forward by rail.

The potato market was again dull, and quotations were generally easy. Tasmanian Circulars were quiet, and best descriptions were sold at £7 per ton. No prime river potatoes were available. About 350 bags of Hunter River potatoes arrived by steamer, and sales were made at from £3 to £5 per ton. Apparently is a list of the arrivals by rail and sea for the week ended Wednesday:—

	Coastal. Bags.	By rail. Bags.	Other States. Bags.
Week's receipts	10,504	5,225	3,597
Previous week	9,931	13,206	18,745
Total to date	10,504	5,225	3,597
Ditto, 1905	9,931	13,206	18,745

Onions were steady, Victorian Globes realising from £3 to £3 5s per ton.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OTHER MARKETS.

Barley.—English, feed 2s 6d to 2s 9d bus.

Maize.—Prime river, 4s to 4s 3d; Melbourne and Timut, 4s 3d to 4s 4d bus.

Oats.—Melbourne; Algerian, feed 2s to 2s 1d, milling 2s 2d. Tasmanian, nominal. New Zealand: short, 2s 1d; long, 2s 1d; B grade, 2s 11d bus.

Peas.—Blue, prime 5s to 5s 3d, medium 4s 9d bus; grey, nominal.

Chickwheat.—Second milling, 3s 1½d to 3s 2d, prime feed 2s 3s 1d, inferior 2s 0d to 2s 11d bus.

Bran, 9½d; pollard, 1s bus.

DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

Trade in the dairy produce markets was uniformly quiet in all departments. The butter market was well stocked, but demand continued rather inactive at quotations. It must be noted from the figures of the arrivals by coast during the week given that the trade and consumption of butter in the city were very heavy, but there was a diminution in the arrivals by rail. The arrivals of butter from other States, country, together with the imports from other States, for the week ended Wednesday, were:—

	Coastal. Boxes.	By rail. Boxes.	Other States. Kegs. Boxes.
Week's receipts	10,803	4,078	41
Previous week	9,619	5,210	20
Total to date	20,913	16,785	91 350
Ditto, 1905	21,078	17,089	96 3,773

The arrivals of butter in Melbourne by rail and coast last week amounted to 29,072 boxes, as against 31,502 boxes in the preceding week. Since July 1, 1905, the total deliveries are 693,084 boxes, as compared with 573,130 boxes for the corresponding period of last season.

Cheese was firm on account of light stocks, not because inquiry was strong. Rates were quiet at unchanged rates. Cheese was heavily stocked.

The egg market was moderately quiet at quotations. The new season's eggs are now to hand freely, and new-laids continued firm. Poultry was well stocked, but dull, owing to the quantity of old birds available.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Choice 11½d, prime 11d to 11½d, second 10½d to 10¾d, pastry makes 10d to 10½d, inferior 9½d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 5½d to 5¾d, medium sizes 5½d, prime large 5½d, inferior from 4d; Kamerauka 5½d, prime large 5½d, inferior from 4d; Kamerauka 5½d, prime large 5½d, inferior from 4d; Kamerauka

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The Mining market yesterday displayed a little more life, but on the whole prices showed little alteration. The silver-lead section opened somewhat stronger, but eased slightly towards the close of operations. Broken Hill South, paid, sold from 79s to 81s 6d and back to 79s 6d, and British (old) firmed from 32s to 32s 9d. Junction North, after opening at 21s 1½d, advanced to 22s, but receded again to 21s 9d. Broken Hill Proprietary were taken at 71s, and Broken Hill Junction at 8s 6d, 8s 7d. C. S. A. North had exchanges at £10 15s. Tin was neglected, while in copper Mount Molloy had exchanges at enhanced rates. Queensland gold companies remained stationary, apart from a better feeling in Bonnie Dundee and Victory. Among local companies New Hillgrove were taken at a reduction. Western Australian stocks had rather more attention, and Associated, Chaffers, Great Boulder, Perseverance, and Oroya Brown Hill were stronger.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

COPPER.	Buyers. £ s d		Sellers £ s d
Chillagoe	0 4 0	..	—
Crowl Creek	—	..	0 2 6
Ditto, contributing	—	..	0 10 6
Girilambone Mining	0 1 9	..	0 2 6
Mount Molloy	0 13 0	..	0 13 9
North Nymagee	—	..	0 1 0
O.K.	0 19 6	..	1 0 3
Queen Bee	0 16 0	..	0 17 6
TIN.			
Briseis	0 16 0	..	0 16 9
Smith's Creek Proprietary	0 6 6	..	—
Stannary Hills	0 3 11	..	0 4 2
SILVER.			
New South Wales, Etc.			
British Broken Hill	1 12 0	..	1 14 0
Broken Hill Proprietary	—	..	3 11 0
Ditto Block 10	5 0 0	..	5 5 0
Ditto Block 14	—	..	1 11 0
Ditto, preference	1 7 0	..	1 10 0
B.H. Junction	0 8 0	..	0 8 8
B.H. Junction North	1 1 0	..	1 2 6
B.H. North	2 14 0	..	2 19 0
B.H. South	3 19 0	..	4 0 0
B.H. South, contributing	3 12 0	..	3 13 0
B.H. South Blocks	—	..	1 0 0
Ditto, contributing	—	..	0 6 8
New White Leads	0 2 10	..	0 3 4
Overflow, contributing	—	..	0 5 10
Sulphide Corporation, pref.	—	..	1 8 0
Sulphide Corporation, ordinary	0 16 9	..	0 17 6
Rising Sun	—	..	0 1 2
Yerranderie	1 0 0	..	—
C.S.A., paid	—	..	6 10 0
Ditto, North	10 10 0	..	—
GOLD.			
New South Wales, Etc.			
Baker's Creek	—	..	0 4 0
Myall and Peak Hill, paid	0 2 3	..	0 4 0
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 6 4	..	0 6 8
Occidental	—	..	0 8 0
Woodlark Island	—	..	0 2 2
Dredging and Sluicing.			
Araluen Central	0 13 6	..	—
Associated Gold Dredging	0 4 6	..	—
Jembalcumbene	—	..	0 2 6
Melbourne Cope's, paid	0 4 3	..	—
New Cooper	0 5 0	..	—
New Wylie Creek	0 4 0	..	0 6 6
Turon River	—	..	0 3 0
Wilberforce	0 6 0	..	—
Queensland—			
Charters Towers, Etc.			
Bonnie Dundee	0 2 11	..	0 3 2
Brilliant Central	0 14 6	..	0 16 0
Brilliant Extended	1 5 6	..	—
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	0 2 8	..	0 3 0
Kelly's Queen Block	0 0 9	..	0 10 0
Ditto, contributing	0 8 3	..	0 8 6
Marshall's Queen	0 6 2	..	0 6 6
Ditto, contributing	0 5 3	..	0 5 6
Mount Morgan	3 19 6	..	3 15 6
Queen Central	0 5 7	..	0 11
Queen Cross Reef	—	..	0 10 0
Ruby	0 3 0	..	—
Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing	0 2 8	..	0 2 8
Victory	0 8 0	..	0 8 6
Gympie.			
North Columbia and Smithfield No. 2	0 2 0	..	—
N. Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	—	..	0 2 9
N. Oriental and Glanmire No. 2	0 1 3	..	0 1 5
North Smithfield	—	..	0 2 6
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 5 0	..	0 8 0
South Great Eastern No. 2	—	..	3 1 0
Western Australia.			
Associated	2 10 0	..	2 14 0
Ditto Northern Blocks	1 2 9	..	1 4 0
Chaffer's	0 1 11	..	0 2 3
Great Boulder	1 7 6	..	—
Ditto Perseverance	0 12 3	..	0 13 6
Great Fingall Consolidated	—	..	6 0 0
Hainault	—	..	1 12 6
Ivanhoe	—	..	8 0 0
Kalgurli, London Register	3 10 0	..	—
Kalgurli South, London Register	1 0 0	..	—
Oroya-Brown Hill	2 13 6	..	—
Queensland Menzies	0 4 1	..	0 4 6

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Early: Baker's Creek, 3s 7d; British B.H. (old), 32s; B.H. Junction North, 21s 1½d; South Kalgurli, 20s 9d. On 'Change: B.H. South, paid, 79s; Queen Central, paid, 5s 10d; Victory (C.T.), 6s. Later: British B.H. (old), 32s 9d; B.H. Junction North, 22s; Chaffer's, 2s; B.H. South, paid (terms two weeks), 81s; B.H. Proprietary, 71s; Murchison River, paid, 3s 6d. Noon: B.H. Junction, 8s 6d, 8s 7d; C.S.A. North, £10 15s; Victory, 6s; Queen Central, paid, 5s 10d; O.K. Copper, paid, 19s 9d. Later: B.H. South, paid, 80s 6d; ditto (terms one month), 81s 6d. Afternoon: B.H. Junction North, 21s 10½d; Mount Molloy, 13s 3d; New Hillgrove, 6s 6d. Later: B.H. Junction North, 21s 9d; Victoria and Caledonia Blocks, contg. 2s 6d; B.H. South, paid, 79s 6d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 34s 9d; Mount Molloy, 13s 6d; Queensland Menzies, 4s 2d; B. H. Junction, 8s 7½d; B. H. South, contg., 74s 6d; Sulphide Corporation (pref.), 28s 6d; ditto (ord.), 17s 4d; Chaffers, 2s.

A report from Drake states that the mines are once more commanding attention. The men who have the White Rock mine on tribute are making £1 per man per day. This mine is being again floated in London. The Mascotte, which was abandoned for some time, is now in full swing, and Carrington Hill has several claims turning out ore in payable quantities.

The dredgemaster of the Cope's Creek Company's dredge yesterday despatched 4 tons 5cwt 12lb of tin ore.

Mr. O. Johannessen supplies a translation from a paper published in Iceland reporting the discovery in that northerly region of metalliferous land obtained at a depth of 120ft. The land yielded gold at the rate of 2 ounces per ton, as well as traces of silver, zinc, copper, and iron.

Associated Gold Dredging Co. has declared a dividend of 3d per share, payable on the 20th inst. Transfer books close on the 25th inst.

The Mt. Lyell Blocks Company, for the fortnight ending January 14, treated 1933 tons, producing concentrates containing 15 tons 14cwt 1qr 27lb copper. The total for the past four weeks is 4600 tons treated, producing concentrates containing 50 tons 12cwt 27lb fine copper. Eight days in orebreaking were lost. The water supply is again short, and work is restricted to two puddlers only, without the battery. The company during the preceding four weeks treated 5500 tons of crude ore, producing 71 tons 16cwt of fine copper.

MINING IN THE STATE.

OBERON, Thursday.

The Black Bullock mine, recently reopened by Sheargold and party, has been sold to a party from Sydney on terms.

ORANGE, Thursday.

At Spratt's battery, Mullion Creek, a crushing has recently been completed for Connors and party, Diggers' Flat, 10 tons returning 4dwt per ton. A parcel of 15 tons is now being put through for the Queen of the Ranges, Palmer's Bulga.

PEAK HILL, Thursday.

Last year 35,900 tons of ore was treated at the Myalls and Proprietary mines for £19,431 worth of gold. Four new vats are being erected at the Proprietary mine, Peak Hill, which will enable the treatment of 4000 tons of stone per month. In the past the company could only treat about 2½ thousand tons. For the four weeks just ended 311ozs of gold were obtained. The new finds are developing satisfactorily. Last year the Bobby Burns mine, worked by a small syndicate, yielded £1546 worth of gold.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The British mill last week treated 2628 tons of crudes, assaying 16.2 per cent. lead, 10.4ozs silver, and 14.6 per cent. zinc for 413 tons of concentrates, bulking 62.5 per cent. lead, 28ozs silver, and 9 per cent. zinc. Despatches to Port Pirie for the fortnight ended January 16 totalled 492 tons concentrates.

Mr. Courtney, the general manager of the Central, when seen this evening in regard to the new mill, said that plans and specifications were now ready. The erection of the new railroad was being proceeded with, but the erection of the mill would occupy the attention of the management for a considerable time to come. The extension of the granulation plant in the present mill, so that its capacity would be doubled, was being proceeded with.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Associated (colonial), 50s 6d, 50s 9d, 52s, b 51s 9d, s 53s; Associated Northern Blocks (colonial), 23s; Chaffer's, 1s 11½d; Cumberland, 5s 5d, 5s 4d, 5s 5d; Great Boulder, 34s 6d, b 34s 4½d, s 34s 9d; Golden Pole, 10s 9d, 10s 6d, 11s 9d, b 11s 6d, s 11s 9d; Great Boulder Perseverance (colonial), 13s 10½d, b 13s 10½d, s 13s; Hainault, b 32s, s 32s 6d; Oroya-Brown Hill (colonial), 58s; Princess Royal, paid, b 10s, s 10s 6d; ditto, contg., 9s, b 9s, s 9s 1d; Queensland Mensies, 4s 3d, 4s 1d, b 4s, s 4s 2d; Westralia Waihi, 2s 3d, b 2s 7½d, s 2s 8½d; Victory, 1s 10d, 1s 11d, b 1s 10½d, s 1s 11d; B.H. Proprietary, 71s, 71s 3d, 70s 9d, b 70s 6d, s 71s; ditto (London), 71s; B.H. Block 14 (ordinary), 30s 9d, 31s, b 30s 6d, s 31s; ditto (preference), b 28s 6d, s 29s; British (old), 32s, 32s 9d, b 32s 7½d, s 33s 10d; ditto (new), 21s, b 20s 7½d, s 21s; B.H. Block 10, £5 2s 6d, b £5 2s 6d, s £5 3s 6d; B.H. Junction, 8s 6d, 8s 7d, b 8s 7d, s 8s 9d; North B.H., 58s 9d, b 58s 9d, s 58s 3d; B.H. South, paid, b 79s 6d, s 79s 6d; ditto, contg., 74s, 73s, 73s 3d, b 73s, s 73s 9d; Waldbrook, b £12 10s, s £14; Junction North, 22s, 21s 9d, b 21s 7½d, s 21s 10½d; Sulphide Corporation, 17s 7½d, b 17s 6d, s 17s 9d; Kingsgrowm, b £7, s £7 5s; Gladstone, £22 10s, b £21 10s, s £22 5s; New White Lead, 3s 1d, 2s 11½d, b 2s 11½d, s 3s; Adelaide New Moon, 3s, 3s 1d, b 2s 11d, s 3s 1d; Chillagoe, 3s 10d, 3s 11d, b 3s 10½d, s 4s; O.K., paid, 19s 6d, 19s 10½d, b 19s 9d, s 19s 10½d; Paull's Consolidated, b £10, s £11 10s; Wallaroo, 33s, b 32s, s 33s 6d; Adelaide Hydraulic Sluicing, £8, £7 15s, £9 5s, £5 15s, b £8 12s 6d, s £9; Stannary Hills, 3s 11½d, b 3s 11d, s 4s; North Queensland, £6 10s, b £6 10s, s £6 12s 6d; Smith's Creek, b 6s 1d, s 8s 3d.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were:—Chillagoe, b 4s, s 4s 2d; ditto (forward), b 4s 1d, s 4s 3d; Chillagoe Debentures (cum all arrears and interest), b £79, s £80; Mount Molloy, b 12s; Mungana, b 2s 9d, s 3s; O. K., b 19s 6d, s 20s; ditto, paid, b 19s, s 20s; Stannary Hills, s 4s 3d; Vulcan tin, s 120s; Dalziell's tin, b 5s 1d, s 8s 6d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Bonnie Dundee, 2s 11d; School Reserve, 3s 8½d, 3s 7½d; Deep Levels, 3s 1d, 3s; East Mexican, 10s 4d, 10s 2d; Golden Alexandra, 4s 7d; Grant and Sunset, 11d; Imperial, 8½d; Lion West, 6d; London North, 4½d, 5d; Mystery Deep Mines, 11½d; Phoebe, 2s 8d, s 7½d; Queen Central, 5s 9d; Queen Central Block, 10½d, 11½d; Ruby, 2s 2d.

Quotations:—Bonnie Dundee, b 2s 11d, s 3s 1d; Brilliant Central, b 14s 9d; Brilliant, b 3s 9d, s 4s 4d; Brilliant Block, b 7d; ditto, paid, b 8d; Brilliant Extended, b 24s 6d, s 24s 9d; ditto, paid, b 26s, s 26s 9d; Carrington Lion, b 5s 11d, s 6s 1d; ditto, Excess, s 1s 4d; Clark's B. W. and Victory, b 2s 7d, s 2s 8d; ditto, paid, b 3s 0½d, s 3s 1½d; Day Dawn P.C., b 2s 2d, s 2s 4d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, b 5s 9d; Day Dawn Freehold Consolidated, paid, b 5s 9d, s 6s 6d; School Reserve, b 2s 9d, s 2s 10d; ditto, paid, b 3s 7d, s 3s 7½d; Deep Levels, b 2s 11½d, s 3s; ditto, paid, b 7s, s 7s 3d; East Mexican, b 10s, s 10s 2d; ditto, paid, s 19s; Golden Alexandra, b 4s 6d, s 4s 8d; ditto, paid, b 5s 2d, s 5s 5d; Grant and Sunset, b 10d, s 1s; Grand Junction, s 1s 9d; Imperial, b 8d, s 8½d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 8s 3d, s 8s 6d; ditto, paid, b 9s 3d, s 9s 6d; Kulamadau, b 2s 10d, s 4s 2d; ditto, paid, b 4s 2d, s 4s 5d; Lion West, b 5½d, s 6d; London, b 5s, s 5s 6d; London North, b 4d, s 5d; Marshall's Queen, b 5s 2d, s 5s 5d; ditto, paid, b 6s, s 6s 5d; Mills' United, b 24s 8d, s 25s; Mystery Deep Mines, b 11½d, s 1s; New Brilliant Freehold, b 3s 8d, s 3s 11d; Craven's Caledonia, s 5s; New Queen, b 7s 7d, s 7s 9d; O.K. Copper, paid, b 20s, s 21s; Phoebe, b 2s 7d, s 2s 8d; ditto, paid, s 5s; Queen Cross Reef, b 9s 2d, s 9s 6d; Queen Central, paid, b 5s 8d, s 6s; Queen Central Block, b 11d, s 11½d; Ruby, b 2s 2d, s 2s 4d; ditto, paid, b 3s; Ruby United, b 1s 1d, s 1s 2d; ditto, paid, b 2s 2d; Silent Friend, s 6d; Vesuvius, s 1s 1d; Victoria and Queen, b 4s, s 4s 6d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contg., b 2s 6d, s 2s 9d; Victory, b 7s 9d; Wallis', b 1c 3d, s 1s 4½d; ditto, paid, b 2s, s 2s 1d.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

To-day's quotations were:—Australasian Tribute, b 4d, s 7d; No. 1 North Columbia (new), b 4½d, s 6½d; Great Eastern, b 3½d, s 6d; No. 7 South Lady Mary, b 3d, s 5d; No. 1 North Oriental, b 2s, s 4s; No. 2 North Oriental, b 1s 3½d, s 1s 6d; Oriental Extended, contg., b 3½d, s 4d.

LAUNCESTON (TAS.), Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Mount Bischoff, £58.

Quotations:—Tasmania, b 15s 6d, s 15s 9d; Magnet, s 24s 6d; Hercules, b 5s 3d; Mount Lyell, b 36s; Tasmaia Copper, b 5s 6d; Briseis, b 16s 6d; Mount Bischoff, b £49 15s s £50; Mount Farrell, b 3s 9d, s 4s 3d; Maynes, paid, s 5s.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Silver: B. H. Block 10, £5 2s, £5 3s, b £5 1s; B. H., Block 14, 30s, 31s, 30s 9d, b 30s 6d, s 30s 9d; ditto (pref.), b 28s, s 29s 3d; British B. H., b 32s 6d; ditto (new), s 36s; B. H. Proprietary, 70s 6d, 71s, b 70s 6d, s 71s 6d; B. H. Junction, b 8s 5d; Junction North, 21s 9d, 22s, b 22s, s 22s 3d; ditto, B. H. South, 80s, 80s 6d, 79s 6d, b 78s, s 79s; ditto, paid, 80s, 80s 6d, 79s 6d, b 78s 6d, s 80s; South Block, b 5s 9d; ditto, paid, s 19s; Coppabella, b 48s, s 55s; C. S. A., s £7 10s; New White Leads, 3s 3d, b 3s 1d, s 3s 3d; North B. H., 55s 6d, 56s, b 55s 9d, s 56s 3d; Rising Sun, b 10d, s 1s 2d; Sulphide Corporation, s 18s; ditto (pref.), s 29s.

Copper and Gold: Colonel North, 3½d, b 3½d, s 4d; Mount Lyell, b 34s 3d, s 35s; Lyell Blocks, 8s 6d, 8s 11d, b 8s 11d, s 9s; Murchison River, paid, 3s 7d, b 3s 5d, s 3s 6d; Mungana, 2s 10d, 2s 11d, s 2s 11d; Mount Morgan, b 73s, s 75s; Crowl Creek, s 10s 6d; ditto, paid, b 8s.

Tin: Briseis, 16s 6d, 16s 7½d, b 16s 7½d, s 16s 9d; ditto, Extended, b £11 10s, s £11 15s; New Brothers' Home, No. 1, 25s, b 25s, s 25s 6d; Cope's Creek, Central, paid, s 9s; ditto (pref.), s 22s; Gladstone, £22 10s, £22 5s, £22, b £22, s £22 5s; Mayne, paid, £22; Mutual Hills, 5s 6d, 5s 7d, b 5s 7d, s 5s 8d; Ringarooma, £7, b £6 15s, s £7 10s; Talmalmo, b £5 10s, s £6; ditto, paid, b £6.

Victorian Mines: Band and Loch, b 5s, s 5s 9d; Birthday, b 7s 1d; ditto new Find, b 1s 3d; ditto, paid, b 1s 10d; ditto Tunnel, b 25s, s 26s 6d; Bruhn's Consols, 4s 9d; Burnt Creek, 1s 2d, 1s 1d, b 8d, s 1s 4d; Cassilis, 15s, b 15s 6d, s 17s; Catherine Reef, b 57s, s 60s; Champion, 4s 10d, 4s 6d, 4s 7d, b 4s 6d, s 4s 7d; Chiltern Valley Consols, 6s 6d, b 6s 6d, s 7s 6d; Duke and Main Leads, 6s 6d, b 6s 3d, s 6s 9d; Ellenborough, 8s 9d, b 8s 6d, s 9s; Frederick the Great, 2s 2d; Glenfine South, 10s 3d, b 10s; Goldfields, Consols, 5s 3d; Great Southern, b 15s, s 20s; ditto, Consols, b 6s 6d, s 7s; Hans, 4s 6d, b 4s 6d; Horwood and Burrowes, 5s 10d; Hustler's Reef, 22s 6d, b 21s 6d, s 22s 6d; Long Tunnel, 83s, 91s, b 90s; ditto Extended, £10 10s, b £10 8s, s £10 10s; New Argus, 41s, 10s, b 40s, s 42s; New Chum Goldfield, 14s 6d; b 40s, s 42s; New Chum Goldfield, 14s 6d; New Dempsey, 13s 9d, 14s 9d, b 14s 6d, s 15s; New Moon, b £7 8s, s £7 10s; New Moon Consolidated, 22s, b 21s 3d; Russell's Reef 1s 1d, b 6½d, b 1s, s 1s 0½d; South Birthday, b 6s; South New Moon, £7 10s, £7 14s; Specimen Hill, 35s 6d, 35s, b 35s, s 35s 6d; St. Mungo, 9s 9d, b 10s, s 10s 6d; Williams' United, 17s, b 16s 9d.

Western Australian Mines: Black Range, b £7 12s, s £10; Golden Pole, 11s 6d; Great Boulder, b 24s; Queen Margaret, s 5s 9d; Tindal's, b 1s 9d, s 3s 6d.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

KALGOORLIE (W.A.), Thursday.

Yesterday the management of the Associated cabled to the London office of the company that the Oroya chute was showing an improvement in values at the three present principal working points. The best of these developments reported occurred at a depth of 21ft in an inclined winze recently started in a southerly direction from the top of the vertical rise put up from No. 12 level in line with Judd's ore main shaft. The bottom of this winze, which is the most southerly point to which the chute has yet been followed, is in high grade ore. The second point of development mentioned in the official cable is the inclined rise off the crosscut at a spot 425ft distant from the mine's northern boundary, and about 480ft north of Judd's shaft. The ore has lately shown an improvement in grade in this rise, and also the third point of development, which is situated at the bottom of the vertical winze now being put down from the big inclined winze which connects the crosscut mentioned and Judd's workings.

A telegram received from the manager of the Golden Pole to-day states that the face of drive No. 4, north level, is now in ore showing 8oz to the ton for a width of 3ft 6in.

The Great Boulder Proprietary despatched the following cable to the London office yesterday:—"Prospecting with the diamond drill at Hamilton's shaft, 1200ft level; cut the Ivanhoe east lode 80ft from the northern boundary. The width of the ore is 21ft, and the assay value 8dwt per ton. Cut the lode again 190ft north of the Ivanhoe boundary, and 190ft east of Hamilton's shaft. The width of the ore is 14ft, and the assay value 11dwt per ton."

The Sandstone lease at Black Range, held under option by the Oroya-Brown Hill Company, is reported to be developing well at a depth.

At the Warden's Court yesterday the application by Chaffer's Company for six months' exemption of the labour conditions was recommended.

DEVELOPMENTS AT PORT DARWIN.

PORT DARWIN, Thursday.

A good parcel of tin concentrates arrived to-night from the Venture Tin Syndicate's battery at Horseshoe Creek, being the first battery. Heavy rain has fallen. Reports from the Pitsmaurice alluvial gold find are to the effect that prospectors are making low wages, and there is nothing sensational to justify a rush. The copper shows on the Daly are opening out well, but little ore is coming forward for the smelter. The Empire claim is sinking a new shaft, and is reported to have struck the lode unexpectedly only 2ft below the surface.

REPORTS.

Mount Pleasant, January 13.—Main shaft: 370ft level: During the week have lowered the big pump into position, and have made all connections. It is now doing good work; owing to this work no driving was done. 170ft level: Vein varies from 5in to 10in, and still keeps about the same up the rise. Have sent to the surface 14 trucks of ore from here.

Girilambone, January 12.—The shaft has now been secured down to the present water level, and ladders are being replaced. Levels Nos. 2 and 4 are being cleaned up, and in No. 2 some loose ground is being secured. The miners not engaged in repair work have been continuing the development work at the south workings. There is no change to report.

Mill repairs: With the exception of the rolls and May's jig, all the machinery is in working order, and during the week the mill will be run each day with water for the purpose of making final adjustments. Slime pits are practically finished. The tramway from the mine and mill to the furnace charge floors is nearly finished.

Wyalong Homeward Bound, January 16.—"Louisa main shaft sunk 8ft; total depth, 293ft 9in; discontinued sinking. Cut out platt at 200ft preparatory to crosscutting. Driven crosscut from shaft 4ft, ground favourable for driving, and expect to cut reef about the end of week."

Oysters are now examined by X rays to ascertain if they contain pearls. This saves injuring them by opening.

NEW ZEALAND DEFEAT.

IN THE WELSH MATCH.

DESPERATE FOOTBALL STRUGGLE.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

Mails by R.M.S. Ortona, from London, today bring accounts of the match which took place at Cardiff on December 16, between the New Zealand Rugby team and the Welsh team. There was a large company at the ground, estimated roughly at 45,000. The New Zealand team was:—G. Gillett, back; D. MacGregor, R. G. Deans, and W. J. Wallace, three-quarters; J. Hunter and H. J. Mynott, five-eighths; F. Roberts, half-back; S. Casey, G. Tyler, J. O'Sullivan, F. Newton, F. Glasgow, C. Seeling, A. MacDonald, and D. Gallagher, forwards.

The "Times" of December 18 says:—"The Welsh fifteen beat New Zealand at Cardiff on Saturday by one try to nothing. It was the first defeat of the New Zealanders, whose long sequence of victories had established with them such a habit of winning that it is difficult to realise they had at last experienced defeat. Wales won only after a very severe struggle, and even in the last ten minutes the New Zealanders, as at Edinburgh, came near winning the game on two occasions. Two great factors in the Welsh victory were the unyielding nature of the forwards, and the accurate kicking of H. B. Winfield, the fullback.

"It may be laid down at once that Wales beat New Zealand at their own game, for the Welshmen not only threw out a dashing flying man, but, abandoning their own particular four three-quarters system, went in for strong individual play. They set up a wonderful pace at the start, and maintained it to the end, and with a turn of luck just won. The football was the hardest imaginable. Virtually it resolved itself into a tremendous battle between two sets of determined forwards, for the game outside the scrummage was comparatively little else than by-play. In robustness and fierceness of forward work there was no room left for the display of the finer arts of the game.

INDIVIDUAL PLAY.

"Behind the Welsh pack Cliff Pritchard as flying man fulfilled his duties with an execution few could have thought possible against the New Zealanders; R. M. Owen as genuine half-back, worked the scrummage with a skill and courage that were wonderful against the strenuous forwards, and then Percy Bush, Gwyn Nicholls, and R. T. Gabe, when they got the ball usually went on, and when checked finished by finding the touch line. Thus there were few of those wonderful movements characteristic of the Welsh system. There were two or three exceptions, particularly that which led up to E. T. Morgan's try, when the game was about 30 minutes old, but the Welshmen made no pretence of playing their orthodox game. They had thought out devices for combating the New Zealanders' extended attack, and these succeeded excellently. Everything depended in the first instance on the forwards—'would they hold the scrummage?' 'Would they get the ball?' were questions commonly asked before the game. Affirmative answers came in the early moments of the match. The forwards had the industry of the Scottish teams at Inverleith, Edinburgh, and the dash of the Irish at Landowne-road, Dublin; combined their scrummage work was wonderful. They often got the ball and heeled quickly; they broke at once and followed up and their tackling was relentlessly severe. The New Zealanders were not much behind them in pace, in keenness, or in getting a fair share of the ball, but the Welshmen were not so expert in their actual footwork. The Welshmen had other advantages—they were splendidly served by their full-back, whose consistent length in kicking never faltered.

"The kicking of H. B. Winfield has rarely been equalled in representative matches. It can never have been surpassed, and the effect of all Winfield's wonderful play by Winfield was immense economy in the energy of the forwards. While the Welshmen were so well served in this respect, the failure of the visitors' backs to do more than send the ball up the field meant that the New Zealand forwards were run off their legs, but there were other causes for the failure of the New Zealanders, and the most obvious of all was the inability developed by the five-eighths, H. J. Mynott and J. Hunter, to field the passes from F. Roberts. The New Zealanders' half-back, Roberts, played as brilliantly as ever in getting the ball and passing quickly, but neither Mynott nor Hunter seemed capable of fielding it, and when they succeeded it was only to give slow lobbing passes that were usually intercepted by Cliff Pritchard.

VISITORS' BREAKDOWN.

"This breakdown in the New Zealanders' game behind the scrum spelt ruin to the attack, which is absolutely dependent on the pivot furnished by the five-eighths for the three-quarters, and so, beyond defensive work, W. J. Wallace and D. MacGregor, on the wings, had very little to do until late in the game. Roberts, indeed, became so weary of fruitlessly feeding the five-eighths that in the second half of the match he took to going on himself with the ball, with the result, very largely, that thereafter the New Zealanders did the preponderate share of attacking. G. Gillett, the fullback, fielded the ball badly, and never got any strength on his kicking. His punts up the field would have ruined any side. In short, the New Zealanders played much below their best form, and those who saw the work of the backs could scarcely believe that this was the side that had come away from Scotland and Ireland with so many honours. The New Zealanders left the most severe portion of their tour too late, for the side is evidently feeling the effects of three months' hard football, to say nothing of having lost through injuries their chief attacking three-quarter, G. W. Smith. That Wales deserved to win on the run of the game was beyond question. The New Zealanders never looked like scoring in the first half, during which the play was only once in the home 25, and in that case only for a moment before the interval.

"In the second half of the game, however, the New Zealanders had their chances, but there was no fortune for them. Wallace crossed the line, only to be called back for having gone into touch, and in another instance a forward pass by R. G. Deans prevented the completion of the inevitable try by D. MacGregor. Then, when there was a series of scrimmages all along the Welsh goal line, the superb tackling of the Welshmen prevailed, so that the match was decided by the try which E. T. Morgan scored at the end of some 30 minutes' play. It was a splendidly-executed movement that led to it, and R. T. Gabes' subtle tactics in drawing the remnants of the defence, had most to do with the scoring.

"For robustness and keenness the game could not be surpassed. Mr. John Dallas, the referee nominated by the Scottish Union, had a very difficult task to perform. He administered the laws of the game unflinchingly, and the New Zealanders had to pay dearly for sailing so near the wind on the question of offside. The many penalties given against them in the first 15 minutes obviously affected their organisation, and the pace and the vigour of the Welsh forwards gave them no repose in which to steady themselves."

MANUFACTURERS' MEETING.

THE LAUNCESTON CONFERENCE.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

The conference of Australian Chambers of Manufactures was resumed to-day.

A motion was proposed by the Tasmanian delegates to the effect "that in order to place the relations of the States under the Commonwealth on a true Federal basis, the principle of the Braddon clauses should be continued, and the present bookkeeping system amended to secure an apportionment of the revenue and expenditure on a per capita basis." It was decided that this was a subject outside the province of the council. In submitting the motion the financial positions of Tasmania and Queensland were explained, and the delegates generally were impressed with the claims of these States to an equitable adjustment of the financial relations with the Commonwealth.

It was resolved—"That in the opinion of the conference a Royal Commission should be appointed to investigate the Queensland sugar industry with a view of placing it on a permanent footing, and that pending the report of the commission the existing conditions of labour and bonus be continued." It was resolved that the foregoing be communicated to the Prime Minister."

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at Adelaide on the second Tuesday in September next.

It was resolved—"That in the opinion of the conference a bill should be passed by the Commonwealth Parliament having for its object the prevention of dumping, or the formation of internal trusts."

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the president and others; also to the Mayor and citizens of Launceston. The conference then concluded.

BABY'S AWFUL MISERY.

Eyes Sore and Inflamed and Lashes Fell Out.

SPEEDILY CURED BY CUTICURA.

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TRADES AND LABOUR.

REDFERN LABOUR LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Redfern P. L. League was held in the local Town Hall on Tuesday evening. The president, Mr. G. T. Savage, occupied the chair. The annual report submitted by the secretary showed that the year had been a successful one from every standpoint. The treasurer's balance sheet also showed the finances to be in a healthy condition.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the following were elected as the officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. G. T. Savage; vice-presidents, Messrs. John Leitch, T. Holden, W. Caldwell, and Mesdames Flowers, Sullivan, and Brophy; committee, Messrs. John Hepher, M.L.C., W. Wild, Tracey Ayers, W. M. Horton, and Mesdames Gallagher, Woods, Quinn, Bradley, and Gerrad. Delegates to the annual conference, Mr. John Hepher, M.L.C., substitute Mr. W. Merrick Horton; women's delegate to the conference, Mrs. Gerrad, substitute Mrs. Brophy.

It was decided that the secretary should convey to the parents of the late Miss Violet English the league's condolence in the sad loss the family had sustained by her death.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE DAMPIER TESTIMONIAL.

There is every indication that the testimonial matinee tendered to Mr. Alfred Dampier at Her Majesty's Theatre this afternoon will prove a most satisfactory event. The booking during the week has been large, and, apart from the strong claims which Mr. Dampier has upon the theatregoing public generally, the programme is liberal enough to ensure a large attendance.

ANDERSON'S DRAMATIC COMPANY.

This company returned from a successful season in Tasmania at the beginning of the present week, and will open at the Victoria Theatre, Newcastle, on Saturday next, with the drama "Her Second Time on Earth." Miss Eugene Duggan appearing in her old part of Dora Grey. The Victoria, which has been closed for 12 months, has been enlarged and thoroughly renovated. The season is expected to last a month.

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Fee, £1, covers expenses.

MARRIAGES.—Rev. GEORGE HAY, Daily at Church Rooms, 321 Elizabeth-street, to arrange Celebration of Marriages in Church or Privately. Fee, £1. Witnesses free. Hs., 9 a.m. till 9 p.m.

COOKE'S Confidential Detective Offices, 126 Phillip-st, Sydney. Recommended by Judges and police.

DRUNKENNESS.—Dr. SHAW'S Anti-Alcohol, registered by Governments N.S.W. and Victoria, a guaranteed home cure, can be given secretly with certain success. Confidential consultations free. Write or call, Dr. Shaw's Est., 82 Elizabeth-street, 3 doors from King-street, Sydney.

HAIR destroyed (superfluous), marvellous home method. Write for particulars, free. 290 Pitt-st, Syd.

L. P.—You made a mistake; it was not I; though I want you not to forget me quite.

MATRIMONY.—Yng Man in bus. like to correspond, yng Lady, em. capital pref. M.A., Haymarket P.O.

MDLLE. RUBINSTEIN, of Valaze fame, who returned to Melbourne recently from a trip to Europe, is on her way to New Zealand, and she will break her journey at Sydney for a week or so in order to give ladies of this city and vicinity an opportunity of interviewing her. She may be consulted at Washington H. Soul's daily from the 22nd. She has with her many New and Wonderful Beauty Preparations secured in Europe. Her visit to the Old World convinced her of a fearful and indefatigable inquiry, that Valaze stands supreme and alone as a skin food, a conclusion gratifying to herself and to her ever-increasing Australian Clientele. Among the new preparations are:—A marvellous "Blackhead and Open-pore Cure," guaranteed to cure the most obstinate cases (2s 6d); a "Creme Promenade," for use before personal appearance at Concerts, Outdoor Entertainments, etc (2s 6d); a delightful preparation "Vookpasta" (2s), to be used in conjunction with Valaze Herbal Complexion Soap (2s); Valaze Massage Rollers, for use in the home, etc, Valaze Herbal Hair Food (the most exquisite preparation or removing Wrinkles, Freckles,

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Spring-carts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. Tel., 1321.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS,

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 2 P.M.

70 HEAD. 70

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above.

On account Mr. J. R. ATKINSON, Mudgee.

10 Good Upstanding Well-bred Light Horses, 4 years old, sired by the CONFIDENCE HORSE TRUST, out of first-class Mares; all in splendid condition. Broken in.

On account of Mr. J. S. O'DONNELL, West Maitland.

25 First-class Horses, comprising strong, upstanding Harness Horses, suitable for buggy, cab, 'bus, sociable, tradesman's cart, and general har. work; also a few choice Ponies, including 2 handsome pairs (a pair of Chestnut Cobs, unbroken, and a pair Bay Mares, by Young Docker); also Chestnut Mare, 4 yrs. old, by Kingsley (imp.), and a Bay Mare, 4 yrs. old, by Dorchester. The whole consignment is in the pink of condition, and mostly broken in.

On account SOUTHERN AGENTS,

10 Superior Horses, with size and substance, broken to saddle and harness, good workers.

On account Messrs. DEWEY and DAVIS, Rylstone.

21 Really Good Horses, comprising some splendid heavy Draughts, broken and unbroken; the balance butchers' and bakers' cart horses; also buggy and hackney descriptions, all the right ages, in good condition.

On account of Mr. G. CLARKE, Unanderra.

Bay Gelding, stanch, and quiet in saddle and harness.

On account of Mr. J. G. PERCIVAL, Richmond.

Heavy Draught Gelding, used to farm work.

On account of Owner.

Heavy Draught Bay Gelding, 6 yrs., very active, thoroughly stanch.

NEW BENT-SHAFT SULKY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., New Bent-shaft Sulky, with sliding seat and Collins's axle, a splendid vehicle, suit a doctor or commercial traveller.

10 TROTTING MEN, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. JAMES DEVITT to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 11.30 a.m.,

Bright Bay Trotting Stallion, 15.2 high, 3 years old, sire Torpedo, very quiet, great action, fast trotter, with splendid temper; Ches. Gelding, by Yorkie, broken to sad. and har.; Ches. Pony, 14 hands, by Yorkie, very quiet in sad. and har.

PAIR OF PONIES FROM SOUTH COAST.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Alex. Campbell, Kiama, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, Friday, at 11.30 a.m., 2 Brown Ponies, gelding and mare, 5 years, full bloods, thickly set, and a perfect match, good in saddle and harness, suit a parcel delivery waggon or commercial trap.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

JIMMY, Bay Gelding (a pacer), by St. Louis, thoroughly reliable in saddle and harness; also, SHIRLEY S., Bay Mare, 5 yrs., 15.2 hds. cert., by Misteran, dam by Redford, winner of many races.

OUTSTANDING HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Black Gelding, 5 yrs., thoroughly stanch, any trial, suit a sociable or van.

8 HARNESS HORSES FROM PORT MACQUARIE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

2 First-class Horses, broken to harness.

HACKNEY FROM COLO.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. S. SMITH, Colo, to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Chestnut Gelding, broken to saddle.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1906, AT 12 O'CLOCK.

850 HEAD. 850

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above, when they will offer

850 HEAD. 850.

FOR FULL PARTICULARS SEE YESTERDAY'S ISSUE.

TRAIN leaves Sydney at 10.15 a.m., returning at 3.42 and 6.47 p.m.

LIVERPOOL CATTLE SALE.

LIVERPOOL

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th, at 1 o'clock.

520 HEAD. 520 HEAD.

J. H. BEALE

will sell as above, when the following will be offered:—

200 Splendid quality Dairy Heifers, all hand reared, quiet, and good colours, 9 months to 2½ years.

26 Springing and Calved Cows and Heifers.

120 Steers, 9 months to 2 years.

65 Mixed Cattle, comprising Store Cows, Steers, and Heifers.

Trains leave Sydney 9.30 and 11 a.m., returning 4.39 and 5.45 p.m.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held THIS DAY by the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—

At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place.—SHEEPSKINS, at 10.30 a.m.; HIDES, at 1.30 p.m.

THE CO-OPERATIVE WOOL and PRODUCE CO., Ltd., will sell by auction, TO-DAY:

At 10.30 a.m.: SHEEPSKINS.

At 1.30 p.m.: HIDES.

HIDES AND SHEEPSKINS.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell by Auction, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30,

Sheepskins.

At 1.30 o'clock,

Hides.

GEO. H. MORHAM and CO. sell by Auc. This Day at Wool Exch., Sheepskins, 10.30; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO. will sell by Auction at THEIR SALE ROOM AND YARDS, Thomas-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., Sucking Pigs, Poultry, Honey, etc.

C. J. TURNER will sell, at his Rooms, the Poultry Farmers' Exchange, Valentine-street, Haymarket, at 1 o'clock, THIS DAY, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, etc.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Yards, Quay-st, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock sharp, Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal, Roll and Keg Butter, Bacon, Eggs, Honey, Lard, Fruit, Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 11 O'CLOCK.

At 218A, PITT-STREET (opposite Lyric Theatre).

70 PARTIES FURNISHING AND OTHERS.

Sideboard, Oak Frame Leather Suite, Cushions Ex. Table, Cutlery, Pictures, China, Ornaments Bedroom Suite, Massive Nickel Bedstead C. Chests, Washstands, Ware, Single Bedsteads Wardrobes, Clocks, Kitchen Furnishings Plants, Books, Rocker, Cot, etc.

E. C. NEWBOULD,

Auctioneer and Valuator, will sell as above.

DEMOLITION OF THE OLD WAVERLEY BREWERY.

EDGECLIFF-ROAD, WAVERLEY,

HIGHLY IMPORTANT CLEARANCE AUCTION SALE THIS DAY AT 11 O'CLOCK,

of the whole of the BUILDING MATERIALS comprised in the above EXTENSIVE PREMISES, consisting of 200-16 feets and over 9in to 10in x 3in first-class HEWOOD JOISTS

10000 NEW 9in x 3in SAWN IRONBARK GIRDERS and STOREY POSTS

20,000ft 6 x 1½ T. and G. TALLOWWOOD FLOORING

30 SETS FRAMED PRINCIPALS, 20 to 30 feet span

2000 Sheets First-class GALV. IRON, 5 to 10 feet

10000 DIMENSION STONE

2000 LOADS ASHLER

LARGE ASSORTED TIMBERS, 6 x 2½, 4 x 2½, and 3 x 1 Battens

DOORS, SASHES, 6 x 1 and 6 x 1 T. and G. PINE

2000ft 1in to 3in WATER and STEAM PIPING.

JAMES COWAN

has received instructions to sell the above, in LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

PARTIES BUILDING IN THE EASTERN SUBURBS are specially invited to attend the above Important Sale.

TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

TO PARTIES FURNISHING, DEALERS, and OTHERS. IMPERATIVE AND UNRESERVED SALE, at the ROOMS, CITY-CHAMBERS, 343 PITT-ST (near Market-st) THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.,

PIANO (Carl Schubert, Stuttgart), Walnut Frame, in A1 condition.

2 SETS ENCLOSED PIGEON-HOLES, OFFICE TABLE, 4 OVERMANTELS, PICTURES, G. Tables, O'cloth, 200 CHEST (Jack Frost, in good order), Single and Double 4-TESTER BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, 4 COMB. CHESTS, 3-dr. CHESTS, PORTABLE CHEST, MARBLE-TOP W. STANDS and WARE, AUS. CHAIRS, Dining, Kitchen, and Toilet Tables.

Also, a FIRST-CLASS ASSORTMENT of BABIES TOWELS, MERCERISED SHIRTING, LINEN, SILK, HONEYCOMBS, MERCERISED and TURKISH QUILTS, MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES, etc., etc. ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

HAM HAINS will sell by Auction, as above, under IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MORTGAGEE.

THIS DAY, JAN. 19, AT 10 A.M.

At WENTWORTH PARK-ROAD, near Mitchell-street, Glebe. Under Imperative Instructions.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above.

A RETEX CELLULAR UNDERWEAR for LADIES. Write for list. D. Braham and Co., 79 King-st.

NEWTOWN.—COPELAND'S ESTATE.

TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, R. and W., Ltd.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,

19TH JANUARY, AT ELEVEN A.M. PROMPT,

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION AT THE ROOMS OF

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,

128-130 PITT-STREET, near King-street.

SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and GENERAL FURNISHINGS, Removed from several Suburban Residences,

FOR ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE,

consisting of SEVERAL BOLDLY DESIGNED SIDEBOARDS, TELESCOPE DINING TABLES, DINNER WAGGONS, HANDSOME DINING SUITE, IN LEATHER.

FINE OLD CARVED OAK BUFFET OR BOOKCASE, SUPERIOR CARPETS, BEST QUALITY LINOLEUM, ELEGANT OVERMANTELS.

SOLID CEDAR BOOKCASES, WRITING TABLES, DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS.

VALUABLE BOUDOIR GRAND PIANOFORTE,

by the Celebrated Maker, ROSENKRANZ, specially imported by Messrs. Elvy and Co.

*** A remarkably Fine Tonel Instrument, in perfect order. Can be highly recommended.

Also,

SEVERAL UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTES, by the First Makers.

WALNUT AMERICAN ORGAN, by The Beethoven Organ Co., Mass, U.S.A.

SUPERIOR BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING.

ASH AND WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, CHIFFONDALE BEDROOM SUITE,

and

A LARGE AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSORTMENT of USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND REQUISITES

GARDEN ROLLER, GREEN'S LAWN MOWER, WITH ROLLER.

WRIGHT'S No. 410 EUREKA GAS STOVE, in perfect order.

Also,

BY ORDER OF THE IMPORTERS, TO BE SOLD PROMPT AT 11 A.M.

Four Pairs French Doors, four Double Windows, Sundry Emery Wheels, Margaret Stoves, Set Avery Scales and Weights, Case Axle Grease, Embossing Machine, 16 Sets Horse Shoes, Butt Hinges, 19 Cases Boss Harness, Oil (Pints and Half-pints), 222 Tins Cement Polishing Paste, 20 Tins Cement Harness Oil Soap, Eight Cases Fish, etc., etc., etc.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, AUCTIONEERS and VALUATORS, AS AGENTS FOR THE VENDORS, WILL SELL BY AUCTION, AT THE ROOMS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, as above.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT GRAFTON BOND, AT 2 P.M., ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, WITH ALL FAULTS. IN BOND, EX GUTHRIE, GM over K, 100 BOXES DATES.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, the above.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

TO TRADE AND PRIVATE BUYERS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.

THE FIRST GREAT MONTHLY AUCTION SALE THIS YEAR OF

THE BETTER CLASS OF FURNISHINGS.

VALUABLE DINING, DRAWING, and BEDROOM SUITES

HANDSOME SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARDS, etc.

HIGH-GRADE CARPETS, CURTAINS, CHINA WARE

SOLID WALNUT SECRETAIRE BOOKCASE

MAGNIFICENT SOLID WALNUT DINING TABLE, extending to 12ft, patent screw, carved and fluted legs.

N.B.—One of the best Tables we have had for many years.

ALSO, SOLID OAK 8 x 4 TELESCOPE DINING TABLE AND 3 OTHER GOOD DINING TABLES, 6ft. 8ft. 9ft.

SEVERAL SPLENDID PIANOFORTES, suit all classes of Buyers, and must be sold, if possible, To-day.

AND ON ACCOUNT OF AN ENFIELD RESIDENT.

A SUPERB AMERICAN ORGAN,

in Walnut case, by Shoninger and Sons, 11 stops, 2 swells, fine combinations, and powerful tone, suit church or parlour.

For Positive Unreserved Sale, about 12 p.m.

MAGNIFICENT GREEN'S LAWN MOWER, 14in, with Box.

LADY'S BEESTON HUMBER BICYCLE, sell any price

GENT.'S FREEWHEEL, "The James"

TWO OTHER GOOD BICYCLES, for Absolute Sale

HEAVY WALNUT DRESSING TABLE

WALNUT DOUBLE BEDROOM SUITE, cost £75, imported from London.

AND OTHER GRAND LOTS, owner going England.

TWO EUREKA GAS STOVES, in good order, No. 410, one with hood.

VARIOUS GAS STOVES, suit dealers and others

BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, various sizes

LARGE PLATE-GLASS SHOP WINDOW, etc.

FOR TRADESMEN, DRESSERS, UTENSILS, CORNCRACKER, DRESSERS, UTENSILS,

And Hundreds of things, useful and decorative, essential to the comfort and beauty of home.

ALSO ON ACCOUNT OF A MORTGAGEE, A SPLENDID LOT OF FURNITURE, evidently bought new recently. Sideboard, Suites, Linos., everything. Come and see. Sale, To-day.

MESSRS. STRONGMAN and WATSON have received instructions from various owners to sell by auction,

A VERY EXTENSIVE CATALOGUE OF SUPERIOR GENERAL FURNISHINGS, AT THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS,

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK,

AT KELSON'S CENTRAL SALEROOMS, 115 BATHURST STREET.

SECOND-HAND FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, Removed to the Sale Rooms for Convenience of Sale,

Tables, Chairs, Sideboards, 3-pc. Suites, Wardrobes, Hallstands, Comb. Chests, Lace Curtains, Linoleums, Bedroom Suites, Bedsteads, Ware, Kitchen Tables, Dressers, Utensils, etc.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER.

WILL SELL as above. ON VIEW THIS DAY.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S SALE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11, AT THE ARTONA STUDIOS, 864 GEORGE-STREET (opp. Station).

HIGHLY IMPORTANT PHOTOGRAPHIC SALE.

COMPLETE FURNISHINGS AND APPOINTMENTS.

2 Very Costly Vestibule Plate Glass Showcases, Oak and Inlaid Rosewood Chairs, Settees, etc. Studio Camera, Rose Lens, and Stand. Green Silver Shutter, Lenses, Accessories. Flirt-class Aust. Chairs, Rattan Chairs. 12 Fine Assorted Backgrounds, on frames. Large Cedar Showcases, 200 Large Frames. Studio Linoleum, Easels, Mirrors, Sinks, etc.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER,

is instructed by the Proprietor of these old-established Studios (who is relinquishing business owing to expiration of lease), to sell, as above.

The attention of Photographers, Jewellers, Stationers, and others is directed to this IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, AT 2.30 P.M., at the CHARING CROSS, WAVERLEY. POSITIVELY UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, Under Instructions from MR. JACK LITTLE.

In consequence of the disposal of his business. The whole of the FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, consisting of leather Dining-room Suite (9 pieces), Overmantel, Top Sideboard, Overmantels, and Linoleums, Double H.T. Heavily Brass-mounted Bedstead, 2 Single H.T. Bedsteads, Combination Chests Drawers, Pair Handsome Toilets, size 3ft 6in, Glass Enclosed Whitewood Dresser, Kitchen Utensils, and Sundries.

ALLDIS AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, WAVERLEY, having been favoured with instructions, will sell by auction, as above.

THIS DAY, 11 O'CLOCK, BUNDARRA, GRAFTON-STREET, near Adelaide-street, WOOLLAHRA. Leave tram Bondi Junction.

WITHOUT RESERVE. SUPERIOR PIANO, FURNITURE, and EFFECTS, By order of Mortgagee.

UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO, T. G. Vogel and Sohn Drop-head Singer's Machine, good order

LEATHER DINING-ROOM SUITE, Al frames

SIDEBOARD, bevel panels

Saddleback ARMCHAIRS

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, in Tapestry

Black and Gold OVERMANTEL

RATTAN TABLES and CHAIRS

Curtains and Poles, Linos., Carpets

8ft Dining Table, Music Stand, Vases, Glassware, Crockery, Plate, Linen, variety Sundries

Double and Single Brass-mounted BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, Bedroom Suite (good order)

M.B. Washstands and Ware, Combination Tables, A.A. Chairs, Cedar Chests Drawers, Bedroom Requisites, Kitchen Dresser, glass doors, Saucepans, Tables, and General Culinary Utensils, Garden Seat.

L. PHILLIPS, Auctioneer, has been favoured with instructions to conduct this important sale.

TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.

CITY.

THIS FRIDAY MORNING, AT 11 SHARP, Important Sale by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, 276 ELIZABETH-STREET, opp. New Railway, and near Toohey's Brewery.

REDDEN BRODRIBB will sell THE FURNITURE and EFFECTS of a 3-story House, Beautiful Pianoforte, Drawing and Dining Suites, Carpets, and Linoleums, Sideboards Cabinets, Sewing Machine, Pictures, Mirrors Walnut Occ. Furniture, Tea, Dinner, and Dessert Services, Table Plate and Cutlery, Curtains Ornaments, Wall Plaques The Beautiful Furnishing of 8 Bedrooms Suites, Combinations, Toilet Pairs, Toilet Ware Wardrobes, Bedroom Suites; Single and Double 20 Beautiful Brass-mtd. Bedsteads complete Kitchen, Yard, and Laundry Requisites. A good clean lot. On view up to hour of Sale.

CENTRAL CITY CORNERS.

BY ORDER OF THE PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

CASTLEREAGH, MARKET, AND ELIZABETH STREETS.

LARGE FRONTAGES THROUGH FROM STREET TO STREET.

185 FEET, 138 FEET, 166½ FEET.

PLAN ON VIEW. NOTHING AVAILABLE LIKE IT. SUITABLE FOR

BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, AND RESIDENTIAL CHAMBERS.

TERMS: 25 PER CENT. DEPOSIT, BALANCE THREE YEARLY EQUAL PAYMENTS AT 4 PER CENT. INTEREST, WITH RIGHT TO PAY OFF.

AUCTION SALE, THIS DAY, JAN. 19, 1906. AT THE ROOMS, 98 PITT-STREET, AT NOON.

(da-61) RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

TO-MORROW. TO-MORROW.

TO THE FIRST GREAT AUCTION OF THE

NEPEAN TOWERS ESTATE, DOUGLAS PARK.

Train leaves Redfern at 8 o'clock, returning after the sale. Return tickets at 2s 6d each, at our offices only up to 9 p.m. to-day.

Free Coaches from Douglas Park Railway Station. Light refreshments.

Dairy, Pig, and Poultry Farmers, and Agriculturists should attend this sale.

3000 Acres in areas to suit buyers to pick from, and THE PUBLIC WILL FIX THE PRICES.

TORRENS TITLE.

Only 5 per cent. deposit, balance by 72 monthly payments, interest 5 per cent, but if 10 per cent. deposit is paid instalments suspended 12 months, 20 per cent. 24 months, 30 per cent. 36 months.

ARTHUR RICKARD and CO., Ltd., 80B Pitt-st; and HARDIE and GORMAN, Ltd., Auctioneers, 133 Pitt-st.

AQUARIUM HEIGHTS ESTATE, BONDI BEACH.

GRAND OCEAN VIEWS. TWO MINUTES FROM BEACH AND BATHS. TRAM RIGHT TO THE ESTATE. AUCTION SALE ON THE GROUND,

TO-MORROW, AT 3.30 P.M.

£3 per Lot Deposit, and £3 monthly for Portion, and £1 10s Deposit, and 10s monthly for other Lots. Interest, 5 per cent. No interest for Cash in Three Months.

HUGH DUFF AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 283 GEORGE-STREET.

LENNARTZ ESTATE,

BURWOOD—ENFIELD.

TRAM PASSES THE ESTATE. TITLE TORRENS. PLANS ON APPLICATION. EASY TERMS.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, 20th JAN.

HARDIE AND GORMAN, AUCTIONEERS.

FAIRLIGHT EXTENSION, MANLY,

WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON THE GROUND,

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1906, AT 3 P.M.

RAINE AND HORNE, W. M. HARRISON, AUCTIONEERS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,

ORDER OF SALE.

CITY, SUBURBAN, and COUNTRY PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the ROOMS, PITT-STREET, at 11.30 a.m., THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

CITY.—Two Houses, Nos. 751 and 753 Harris-street, close to George-street West. Curator's Sale. FREEHOLD.

SURRY HILLS.—Four Houses, Nos. 208 to 214 Riley street, and 5 Cottages, Nos. 1 to 10 Lower Campbell-street, in one or two lots.

DITTO.—Three Houses, Nos. 49 to 53 Burton-street, between Palmer and Bourke streets.

CITY.—House, No. 31 Carlton-street, off George street West. Mortgagee's Sale.

PADDINGTON.—House, Alster, No. 44 Goodhope-street, close to Glenmore-road. Executors' Sale.

NEWTOWN. Two Houses, Nos. 38 and 40 Commodore-street.

By order of the PREMIER of N.S.W., at 12 o'clock sharp,

CITY.—Freehold Corners, Block, Castlereagh-street, Market-street, and Elizabeth-street.

MARRICKVILLE.—Cottage, No. 50 Farr-street, off Sydenham-road. Executors' Sale.

BELMORE.—Block of Land, and two small Cottages thereon, George-street, known as Woolaroft's.

CANTERBURY. Block, 4ac. 3r. 25p., Homer-street, with two small Cottages thereon. Lease to Lower Campbell-street, in one or two lots.

KOGARAH.—House, LEEMOUNT, Railway-parade. Executors' Sale.

MANLY.—Block, 2ac. 2r. 23p., Sydney-road and Woodland-street. Torrens Title.

DITTO.—Various Lots, Lauderdale avenue and Clifton avenue, Fairlight Estate.

DITTO.—Allotment, Woodland-street, Balgowlah Estate.

MOUNT VICTORIA.—W.B. Cottage, Monmouth street, close to Bienita' School.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Estate CHARLES CYRIL MASSEY and WILLIAM HENRY THOMPSON, trading as MASSEY, THOMPSON, and CO., of 40 and 42 Mitchell-street, Surry Hills, Brass Founders and Art Metal Workers.

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VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER.

WILL SELL as above. ON VIEW THIS DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, at 2 O'CLOCK, ON THE PREMISES, 16 and 18 LISBELL-STREET, Surry Hills, off Devonshire-street.

Under Instructions from WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER, Esq., Official Assignee.

THE WHOLE OF THE PLANT, MACHINERY, and STOCK, in excellent condition, for unreserved Sale.

A few of the principal lines are as under:—6-INCH LATHE, double-geared and attachments 6-INCH LATHE, treadle and power, complete OVERHEAD GEARS, SHAFTING, Pulleys, Belting, Polishing Lathe, and Gear, Emery Machine PORTABLE FORGE, Whitworth Dies, Taps, Vices DRILLING MACHINE and DRILLS, Patterns, Bar from BLACKSMITH'S TURNOUT, complete, with fan 6 6 feet Steel Bronzed Pendants.

C. F. W. LLOYD, Auctioneer, 182 Phillip-st. *** On View WEDNESDAY, from 2 to 5. NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

TO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN SEEKING A COMFORTABLE BUSINESS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock.

MIDDLETON and CO. are instructed by the Proprietress to sell by auction, at No. 220 PITT-STREET, opposite Theatre,

The Goodwill, Stock-in-Trade, Furniture, and Fittings of the Bijou Tearooms and Confectionery Business, all in full swing, and doing a real good business, capable of being largely extended.

NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 2.30.

MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at No. 170 George-street West, Singer Foot-pedalling Machine, Davis High-arm Sewing Machine, Pictures pawned by Mrs. Golding, of Kingsford, Newtown.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE COURT OF ARBITRATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES (No. 25 of A.D. 1903).—In the Matter of an Industrial Dispute between the AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS (AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT), Industrial Union of Employers, Claimant and JAMES PORTER and SAM GREEN (trading as "Porter and Green") of No. 53 Foveaux-street, Surry Hills.—TAKE NOTICE that the above-named Claimant Union will make application to the Court of Arbitration on the twelfth day of February, A.D. 1906, to declare that the terms and conditions of employment set out in the Award of the Court made in the abovementioned dispute shall be a Common Rule of the industry of building, and shall be binding upon all master builders and other persons engaged in the industry of building, and all persons employing carpenters and joiners, and upon all journeymen carpenters and joiners within the area comprised in the following boundaries: Commencing at the east boundary of Manly, thence in a north-westerly direction to Hornsby, thence in a south-westerly direction to Ham Plains township, thence in a south-easterly direction to Sutherland, and thence to the north-eastern headland of Botany Bay, and thence to the point of commencement at Manly. And take Notice that objections may be filed at the Office of the Registrar not later than twenty-eight days from the date of publication and service of this notice upon you. A copy of the application may be inspected at the office of the undersigned free of charge. Take Notice also that if objections are not filed on your behalf you may be taken subject to such order as the Court may make against you in your absence. Take Notice further that any such order which the Court may make at the Common Rule may be in terms differing from the claims contained in the application for the Common Rule. The following are the particulars of the matters proposed to be made a Common Rule as aforesaid:—1. Hours: The working hours shall be from 7.30 a.m. to noon, and from 12.45 p.m. to 5 p.m. on each working week day, except Saturday, and from 7.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. on Saturday. By agreement between employer and employee, the working day may begin at 6 a.m., or any hour between that and 7.30 a.m., and the time of the working day shall begin to run from the time at which work is begun under any such agreement. 2. Wages: The minimum rate of wages for joiners and carpenters shall be 1s 3d per hour. 3. Overtime: After 8½ hours have been worked on any week day other than Saturday, and after 4½ hours have been worked on Saturday, overtime shall begin and shall be reckoned at time and a quarter for the first two hours worked, and at time and a half for all time worked thereafter. 4. Holidays: Double time shall be paid for working on New Year's Day, Anniversary Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Eight-hour Day, King's Birthday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and Sunday. 5. Notice of Leaving or Dismissal: Any employee leaving his employment shall give his employer one hour's notice thereof; and any employer discharging an employee shall give such employee one hour's notice to enable him to put his tools in order. 6. Grindstone: The employer shall supply a grindstone for the use of his workmen. 7. Payment of Wages: All wages shall be paid weekly at the stopping of work on pay-day. When payment is made elsewhere than on the job the men shall stop work on pay-day a quarter of an hour before the ordinary stopping time. When a workman is discharged before the usual pay time, he shall be paid when he ceases work the wages due to him. 8. Insurance Money: No insurance money shall be deducted from a man's wages unless he has consented to the insurance, and has been covered thereby. 9. Going from a Shop to a Job: When a man is sent from a shop to a job the employer shall pay all travelling expenses incurred. 10. Country Work: Any workman or any new hand sent to country work shall be conveyed free to and fro from the work, or shall be allowed his travelling expenses to and from the work. Such conveyance or allowance shall be made once only, unless the worker is recalled, and sent again to the job, when it shall be made each time that this happens. 11. Travelling Time: Time occupied in travelling to and from country work shall be paid for at ordinary rates, and no workman shall receive more than an ordinary day's wages for any day spent in travelling, though the hours so spent on such day exceed eight, unless the workman is, on the same day, occupied in working for his employer. 12. Country Allowance and Sleeping Accommodation: On country work an additional allowance of 1s a day shall be paid, and the employer shall provide sleeping accommodation to the satisfaction of the Court. Country work" Defined: "Country Work" means work situated more than 25 miles by the nearest formed public road or railway from the G.P.O. in Sydney. 14. Apprentices and Improvers: All boys shall be apprenticed for 5 years either by deed or written agreement to learn the trade. Any such written agreement may provide for the transfer of the boy, if the master should be unable to provide him with continuous instruction, to some other employer or employers. A boy may be taken for not more than four months on probation, and, if he is apprenticed, such time of probation shall count as part of his five years. If facilities are provided at the Technical College, any boy apprenticed to a Sydney Master Builder shall, during at least one night in his apprenticeship, attend on at least two nights in each week the classes in carpentry and joinery at the said College, the fees thereof to be paid by the master, and shall not be admitted as a journeyman unless the obtains certificate from the Technical College of having so attended. When a boy is out of his time, he may, if he is not yet a competent tradesman, able to earn the minimum wage, work as an improver for not more than two years. Any country worker who, out of his time and desiring to perfect himself as a tradesman may work in Sydney as an improver at not less than an improver's wage for not more than two years. 15. Apprentices and Improvers' Wages: Apprentices and improvers' wages shall not be less than during the first year, 7s 6d week; during the second year, 10s per week; during the third year, 12s 6d per week; during the fourth year, £1 per week; during the fifth year, £1 5s per week; during the sixth year, £1 10s per week; during the seventh year, £1 15s per week. 16. Tool House, Sanitary Conveniences and Hot Water: The employer shall provide on the works a properly secured place for the tools of his workmen engaged on such work, and, in suitable circumstances, shall provide 2/3 necessary sanitary conveniences, and a sufficient supply of hot water at meal times. 17. Piecework: No piecework shall be allowed except floor-laying. 18. Preference to Unionists: Subject to the law, preference shall be given, other conditions being equal, to unionists, and unionists and non-unionists shall work together in peace and harmony. 19. Workers under Minimum Wage: Should any worker be unable through incompetence, youth, age, physical infirmity, lack of experience, deficient intelligence, or any other cause, to earn the prescribed minimum wage, he may be employed at a lower rate, to be agreed upon by the employer and himself. The worker shall be entitled to work at less than such minimum wage unless it is affirmatively shown that they are able to earn such minimum wage. 20. Settlement of Dispute: Should any dispute or question arise out of this award or out of any matter not provided for herein, it shall, unless otherwise directed in this award, be referred to a representative of the Claimant Union and a representative of the Respondents, and in the event of their disagreeing, or of either party refusing or neglecting to appoint a representative, it shall be referred to the Registrar, with the right of appeal to the Court. Dated this ninth day of January, A.D. 1906. BROWN and HEEBY, Solicitors for the Claimant Union, 46 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of CHARLOTTE ELIZA PARSONS, late of North Sydney, in the State of New South Wales formerly CHARLOTTE ELIZA MACKIESON), Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested thereto, are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before the fifteenth day of February, at 10.30 o'clock in

FUNERALS.

FINLAY.—The Funera lof the late Mrs. CAROLINE FINLAY will leave Victoria Cottages, Parraweenstreet, Neutral Bay, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 10.30, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
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GUTHRIE.—The Friends of Mrs. JAMES GUTHRIE and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER; to leave his late residence, 75 Point-street, Pyrmont, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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GUTHRIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. GUTHRIE and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER and GRANDFATHER, James Guthrie; to leave 75 Point-street, Pyrmont, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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THE MEMBERS of the Shipwrights' Provident Union are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late member, JAMES GUTHRIE; to move from his late residence, 75 Point-street, Pyrmont, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood. HENRY ALLEN, President. JOHN TRAVERS, Secretary.

HODGE.—The Funeral of the late Miss RUBY SARGENT HODGE are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her father's residence, 279 Young-street, Annandale, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for C. E. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham station. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers. Tel., 203 Glebe.

HODGE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FRED. HODGE and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Ruby; to leave her father's residence, 279 Young-street, Annandale, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for C. E. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham station.

MADSEN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD MADSEN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved Infant Son, Richard James, which will leave their residence, No. 21 George-street North, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Roman Catholic Cemetery, Waverley.
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SOMERVILLE.—The Friends of the late ROBERT JAMES SOMERVILLE (late of his Majesty's Customs) are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, Padua, 170 Oxford-st, Woollahra, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15, for Waverley Cemetery. W. CARTER, Undertaker, Way.

SOMERVILLE.—The Friends of Mrs. ROBERT JAMES SOMERVILLE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND; to leave Padua, 170 Oxford-street, Woollahra, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15, for Waverley Cemetery.
W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

SOMERVILLE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED JAMES SOMERVILLE (Fred) and of Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT WALTER SOMERVILLE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER; to leave Padua, 170 Oxford-street, Woollahra, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15, for Way. Cem.

SOMERVILLE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GUS GONDOLF are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER, Robert James Somerville; to leave Padua, 170 Oxford-street, Woollahra, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15, for Waverley Cemetery. W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

SOMERVILLE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE GONDOLF are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER, Robert James Somerville; to leave Padua, 170 Oxford-street, Woollahra, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15, for Waverley Cemetery. W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

FOWLER.—The Friends of Mrs. JAMES HENRY FOWLER and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER; to leave their residence, 31 Crescent-street, Rozelle, TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING, at 8.15, for Field of Mars Cemetery.
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